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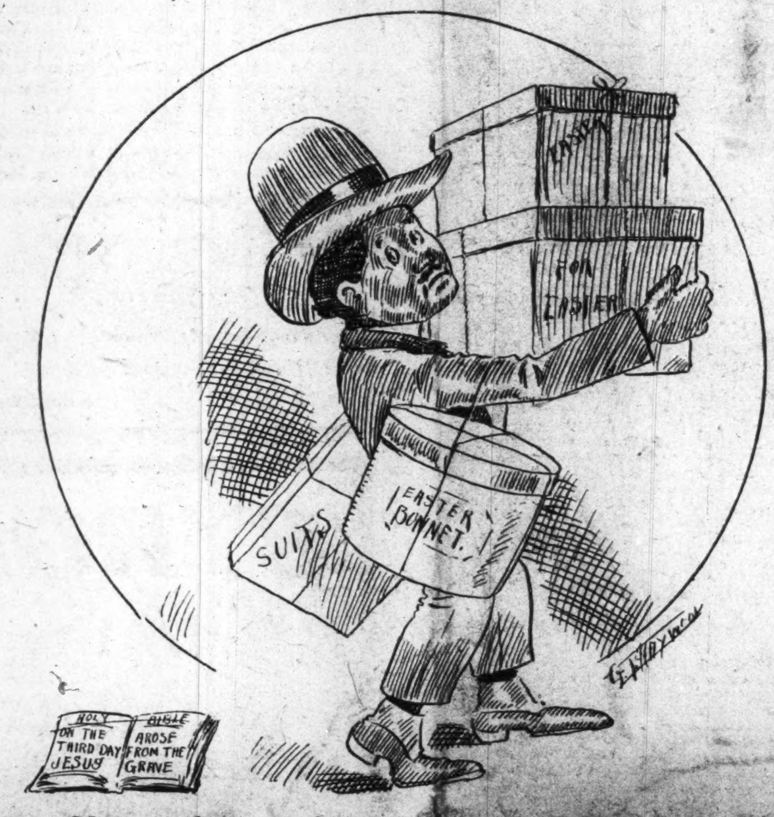

Most people are too busy preparing for Easter to stop and see what it really means.

AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

MIRROR OF THE CURRENT EVENTS AT WASHINGTON

ATTORNEY-GENERAL LEWIS IN TOWN

Amid Pleasant Surroundings—No Trouble With the Ninth Cavalry at San Antonio—The Smart Set Received Ovation.

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A visit to Hon. William H. Lewis, the newt Assistant Attorney General of the United States, the other day disclosed the fact that he is cosily installed in an elegant suite of rooms in the Bond Building, an imposing structure, located in the heart of the business section of the capital, just one square east of the Treasury. Mr. Lewis occupies the the suite in the angle of the building on the seventh floor, above the noise of the street—an admirable place in the suvver, overlooking three beautiful avenues, commanding a vista not excelled anywhere apart from the district known as The Mall. Mr. Lewis has taken hold quietly and is familiarizing himself with the intricacies of the law covering Indian depredation claims, the branch of the work of the Department of ustice to which he has been assigned. These claims, in one way or another, have occupied the attention of the government for a century or more, but not until twenty years ago have they been handled by a special division of the department, and charged to a single assistant. There are now about 2,500 claims pending, incolving in the neighborhood of $5,500,000. It is expected that in course of time the peonage cases that come before the department will be assigned to Mr. Lewis, who is an exceptionally able advocate and would be especially effective in handling this class of litigation.

Mr. Lewis has four assistants in his bureau and others in the field, and in the office is a goodly corps of law clerks, stenographers, messengers, etc. Some changes will be made in the arrangement of the rooms, in the interest of convenience. For the first time since the establishment of the division the ante-room bears a neatly lettered sign, letting the world know that Room 710 leads the way to the "Department of ustice," and that "Indian Depredation Claims" are adjusted therein.

Mr. Lewis has taken apartments at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Cabaniss, 1744 K Street, N. W., one of the most beautiful mansions owned by members of the race in Washington, and situated on the capital's best-known residental thoroughfare.

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Manning "Brings Home the Bacon."

One of Indiana's most picturesque characters is Mr. Alexander E. Manning, one of the editors of the Indianapolis World. He is energetic, ubiquitous and effervescent—a "human dynamo"—and, no matter how difficult his undertaking, goes at it with ::the faith that moves mountains. Mr. Manning breezed into town a few days ago, grooming the Hon. Stokes Jackson, of Indiana, for the juicy plum of sergeant-at-arms of the House of Representatives. He was on the job every minute at the Capitol or at the Congress Hall headquarters, and declared from the outset that he would "bring home the bacon." When the result of the superheated caucus was announced to us over the 'phone Saturday night it developed that the hustling Hoosier had kept his word—he had lended Mr. aJckson high and dry, and the bacon was where it would do the most good. Mr. Manning's happiness was exceeded only by that of his genial chieftain.

Following the caucus, with Messrs. C. C. Curtis and L. C. Moore as hosts, Mr. Manning was delightfully entertained at a luncheon served at Smith's Cafe, 18 C street, N. W. A large party of personal and political friends joined in extending Mr. Manning the "glad hand." Mr. Curtis is national organizer of the National Colored Personal Liberty League, and Mr. Moore, once a member of the legislature of Mississippi, is president of the National Political Union. Among the out-of-town friends present at the feast was Mr. James A. Ross, of Buffalo, editor of the Gazetter and Guide, an illustrated monthly.

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William Jennings Bryan, orator, editor, statesman and sometime candidate for President of the United States, was the chief attraction Sunday afternoon at a monster meeting of the Colored branch of the Y. M. C. A. Spacious and beautiful Howard Theater was packed to the doors with one of the finest audiences of Afro-Americans gathered anywhere between the oceans. The Y. M. C. A. has never held a meeting that rivalled this one in point of numbers or enthusiasm, save that addressed last year at the Belasco Theater by Dr. Booker T. Washington. The "peerless leader" of the militant democracy was cheered to the echo at frequent intervals throughout the half hour covered by his address, and, though nothing of a political or racial nature was brought out in the talk, Mr. Bryan was visibly pleased with the tumultuous and sincere ovation accorded him by an audience of colored citizens in this cosmopolitan capital.

The address of Mr. Bryan to the colored Y. M. C. A. was the first of the four speches delivered by him on Sunday in Washington. His theme was "Civilization," and the immeasurable influence of the Y. M. C. A. movement in advancing the highest type of civilization wsa dwelt upon in an entertaining and convincing fashion. Hwae s a charter member of the organization in his home community, and regarded his card of identification as one of his proudest possessions. The eloquent Nebraskan exhorted the men to adhere strictly to the Y. M. C. A. idea, to support it with their voice, their influence and their money. tI is cheaper, he said, to prevent crime by remedial policies than to repair the evil consequences growing out of vice. He stated that the heart should not be neglected for the training of the mind; that a strong body is essential to a strong heart and a strong mind. He said that man had been able to measure the breadth of a message in telegraphy, but that no man had yet been able to measure the breadth of a message of friendship and brotherly love which emanated from the heart. The Y. M. C. A., the speaker said, affords a general training which no other organization can give. It trains the heart, the soul and the physical body.

Mr. Bryan was happily introduced by Mr. Lewis E. Johnson, the capable secretary of the colored branch. At the close of the address of the distinguished guest, Mr. Bryan was whirled away in the high-powered automobile of Dr. G. W. Cabaniss to Continetal Hall, where another immense audience awaited him. At the Howard Theater, following Mr. Bryan, a magnificent address was delivered by Dr. C. F. Barbour, of New York, international committeeman of the Y. M. C. A. The Elks Glee Club, led by Mr. Louis Ambler, sang, and the Wilberforce Orchestra rendered a number of selections, under the direction of Prof. J. Sherman Hunnicutt.

Easter Sunday will be "Ladies Day" and the Howard will be a veritable bower of beauty on that occasion. Prof. Kelly Miller, of Howard University, will speak on "Righteousness."

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Howard University's "Council of Upper Classmen."

The Council of Upper Classmen of Howard University has elected the following officers for the school year of 1911-12:

President, Ulysses L. Houston, Med.
Vice-president, L. C. Downing, Med.
Secretary, Lewis Russell, Col.
Treasurer, William Burrell, Law.
Sergeant-at-arms, Joseph D. Cabaniss, Phar.
Chaplain, D. O. Walker, Theol.

These officers will be installed at the next meeting of the Council, at which time the new President, Mr. Houston, will announce the names of the appointive officers and the committee assignments.

Following the announcement of the result of the spirited contests, the Parliamentarian, Mr. Scott, arose in the midst of the cheering and offered a resolution of thanks and appreciation for the "Energetic Excellence" of the outgoing administration, headed by the brilliant and aggressive Mr. James C. Waters, Jr., and under whose guidance the Council had reaped such golden grain. The resolution was unanimously carried, after which President Waters spoke for the administration in acknowledgment of the resolution.

A pleasing feature of the meeting was the exhibition of the gold scholarship medals, which the Council will present to the university for award to the successful contestants in the various departments to which the medals go. The donors of the four medals to the Council are Dr. Gertrude Curtis, of New York City; W. W. Martin, of the Northwest Cafe; the Murray Brothers, "the quick printers," and an alumnus of the university who withholds his name.

The eighth annual "prom" of the Upper Classmen will take place Tuesday evening, April 18, at Odd Fellows Hall. tI is expected that this will be the most enjoyable social event ever given by this unique organization. Invitations can be had by addressing the Committee on Invitation, C. U. C., Howard University.

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Former Steward Pinckney Dead.

Henry J. Pinckney, who served as steward at the White House throughout the entire Roosevelt administration, and a man who spent the greater part of his life in the service of public men, died last Wednesday night at his home at Fairmount Heights. Mr. Pinckney's latest appointment, that of messenger at the White House, came to him from President Taft, and he was numbered among the employes there at the time of his death. Born in Charleston, S. C., in 1857, he was a lad of six years when Lincoln's proclamation set the members of his race free. While still a youth he went to Albany, N. Y., and found employment at the state capitol. He served successively as messenger for Governs Flower, Black and Roosevelt. When Col. Roosevelt left Albany, Mr. Pinckney continued in his service at Oyster Bay, and afterward became his messenger when Col. Roosevelt was here as Vice-President. At the close of the Roosevelt administration President Taft retained him at the White House as a messenger.

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Mrs. Aida Overton Walker will go out next season at the head of a big musiacl comedy, in which her work is especially featured and it is probable that she will have a part calling for strong lines, showing off to advantage her dramatic ability, as well as her stellar quality as a denseuse and singer. Mrs. Walker, with Miss Anna Jarrett and Miss Hazel Thompson, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hudnell at the Cameron. Mrs. Walker is becoming quite proficient as a performer on the 'cello.

Miss Ella Anderson, the "Merry Widow Brown" of the Smart Set, is stopping with Dr. and Mrs. John P. Turner, 604 R street northwest.

The Amphion Glee Club, directed by Prof. J. Henry Lewis, will produce Gilbert & Sullivan's tuneful opera, "The Pirates of Penzance" at the Howard in June. The Amphions have been organized twenty years and have appeared before some of the nation's most notable people.

The Odeon, owned by H. H. Elliott, which opened a fortnight ago for white patrons, will be turned over to the colored people at the end of the present month. The place has been leased to his "Blue Mouse," at M street and Rock Creek. The Odeon is on Church street in a block populated entirely by Negroes. The signers who made th erection of the Odeon possible, were all Negroes. How Mr. Elliott conceived the notion that he could make this house, pretty as it is, a white resort, is beyond the reach of the average man.

Miss Madeline Cooper (Kinky) returns to Ford Dabney's this week, and is going big. Jeff DeMount and Miss Muriel Ringgold, comedian and comedienne par excellence, are putting on "new stuff" and continue to draw the crowds. Manager J. H. Hudnell is now a magnate who doesn't take a back seat for Oscar Hammerstein or "Bob" Motts.

The Minnehaha re-opens Easter Monday, with the Thomas brothers at the helm.

T. Spencer Finley has accepted an indefinite engagement at the Fairyland.

Miss Tillie Seguin and Miss Sadie Britton are still captivating the crush nightly at the Foraker.

The story that Ford T. Dabney has married the widow of Joe Gans in Baltimore is denied by those said to be in a position to know.

President Taft is said to have laughed heartily when he heard that S. H. Dudley was in town impersonating a character whose chief ambition was to "Shave the President." It develops that the president has no need for "His Honor the Barber." He shaves himself. The laugh is on "Raspberry Snow."

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Assistant Attorney General W. H. Lewis has taken apartments with Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Cabaniss, 1744 K street, northwest, a beautiful home in one of Washington's most fashionable residential centers.

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The new school for colored students at Ivy City has been named in honor of the late Alexander Crummell, former rector of St. Luke's P. E. Church.

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One of the alleged "loan sharks" caught in the dragnet thrown out by Director Ralph at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, to ensnare the persons who were loaning out money to their fellow employes at the usurious rate of ten per cent. per month interest, was a colored man, Alexander Payne, of 209 O street, northwest. Mr. Payne draws a salary of only $40 per month, but by thrift and business acumen he has managed to save enough money to set himself up as a money broker and had large sums of money loaned to plate printers who are drawing an average of $10 per day. Mr. Payne owns a $2,000 farm in Virginia. As a punishment for his connection with the loan business, Mr. Payne was given a suspension of 30 days by Secretary MacVeagh. The money-lending industry is said to be a sort of lost art at the bureau. In the future both borrower and lender will be dismissed if caught in a deal.

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"The Smart Set" Receives an Ovation.

"The Smart Set," the leading colored company on the road, was given an ovation Monday night when it returned to the New Howard, after a long tour of the country. A packed house greeted the players, and every line and every musical number of the side-splitting comedy, "His Honor, the Barber," provoked a laugh or brought a demand for encores without limit. Standing room has been at a premium at each subseqeunt performance. S. H. Dudley as "Raspberry Snow," whose sole ambition is to shave the President, is funnier than ever, and his new song, "The Almighty Dollar," is the hit of the show. Aida Overton Walker outdid herself in her three turns, "Golly, Ain't I Wicked," "Porto Rico," and "That's Why They Call Me Shine." Mrs. Walker is the "poetry of motion" personified, and her artistic work evoked repeated recalls. Andrew Tribble, in female character—the "Black Julian Eltinge"— sustained his time-honored reputation as "the best ever," and the statuesque queen of song, Ella Anderson, fautlessly gowned, captivated every susceptible masculine heart by her bewitching impersonation of the merry "Widow Brown." Miss Lizzie Hart's "Rubbernecking Moon" and Miss Lillian Brown's "Isle of Love" were so well done that they had to endanger their standing in the C. V. B. A. by working overtime. The remainder of the cast were far beyond the average and the chorus was beautifully costumed, sang tunefully and gave evidence of skillful training. Too much credit cannot be given James T. Brymm, the musical director, for painstaking manner in which he wielded the baton. Box parties have been the rage all the week, and the return of "The Smart Set" may be voted a social triumph, despite the fact that this is the Lenten period. It goes without the saying that Manager Benedict and the affable treasurer, Miss F. M. Tyson, are in the seventh heaven of delight over the phenomenal success of the engagement.

R. W. THOMPSON.

PENSACOLA, FLA.

By Walker W. Thomas.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Pensacola may well be proud of two established up-to-date undertaking establishments owned and controlled by colored men—the Goldstduser Bros. and Richard Morris, successor of the late Wm. H. Harvey....Mt. Zion Baptist church has erected a tabernacle at the corner of Alcaniz and Jackson street, where they will hold services pending the rebuilding of their new church.... An entertainment was given last week at the C. M. C. church for the benefit of public school No. 31. It proved to be a successful one. Prof. A. L. Kirksey, principal....The All-Stars will give an Easter dance Wednesday night, April 19th. Cards have been issued....Mr. Samuel Cobbs, one of our promising young men, died last Tuesday and was buried on Wednesday morning. Many of his friends were at the burial service....Mr. J. D. Mloa is on the sick list. His many friends hope he will soon recover....Mr. H. C. Keller, one of New York's prominent business men, is in the city for a few days....Miss Mamie B. Rivers will shortly open a first class drug store....Mr. Wm. Taylor, one of our highly respected business men, died last Friday and was buried on Sunday. He was one of the leading Knights of Tabor, holding one of the highest offices in this city. His many friends mourn his loss....The Douglas Literary Society of the P. H. S. elected their new officers for the ensuing term. Horace Goode, president; Miss Allie Patterson, vice-president; Isaac Sheffield, secretary; Miss Katie Freeman, assistant secretary; Miss Mabel Simon, chaplain....Mr. Thomas V. Callaway, of Chicago, Ill., was a business visitor here last week. His many friends were glad to see him. While here he was the guest of Miss Callie Mills, of North Deviller street....Mrs. Amelia Marshall and children are visiting relatives in Marianna, Fla....Mrs. John Hayes, of the Big Bijou, is very ill. Her many friends wish for a speedy recovery....Miss L. Jinkins held the highest number at the contest ball last Monday night, and was awarded a very handsome prize. Mrs. Corrie Wallsen won the second prize.

MINEOLA, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. Henry Carpenter was the first one to plant cotton this year, he was the first colored man to bring a bale of cotton in Mineola last year....There will be a great many watermelons planted this year in this part of the country.... K. W. Flewellen has the Express on hand every Saturday....All of the colored schools are out in this part of the country naw, and plenty of children have nothing to do....Anderson Rylly was in jail at Tyler last month....Sam Price was here last week....Mr. Pete Bynum has rented land from Susan Anderson this year....R. B. Hall is prepared to do all kinds of work, see him....Mrs. Bettie Rose has a very sicg sister here and unable to do anything for some time. ....Hamp Williams, the father-in-law of Sandy Anderson, was very sick last week....R. M. Jones has plenty of English peas and beets on hand for sale.... On last Sunday the sun was bright and clear and a large number attended Sunday school....The election came off last Saturday and the largest votes was for good roads, so get money.

PORTSMOUTH, VA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Dr. C. C. Somerville, pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist church, preached a special sermon to the Daughters and Sons of King David Loye....On last Friday evening the choir of Zion Baptist church gave a musical concert.... Dr. M. E. Davis, pastor of the Old Emanuel A. M. E. church, preached last Sunday two able sermons to his congregation....The rumor is out that the Third Baptist church is going to erect a handsome building soon....Dr it now—subscribe for the Freeman. W. W. Brinkley, agent, or 813 County street, or 802 South street.

LECTURES TO CLUB WOMEN

MRS. BOOKER WASHINGTON HAD LARGE AUDIENCE

RESULT OF THE RECENT ELECTION

Has Effect on Grafters and the Ward Bosses—State Grand Chancellor Prince Lectures to Knights of Pythias.

DALLAS, Tex.—State Grand Chancellor A. N. Prince was here Monday. He lectured to the Knights of Pythias at their hall....Mrs. Dr. Booker T. Washington lectured to the women's clubs of the cf the city at New Hope Baptist church Wednesday night. A large attendance greeted her and were highly pleased at the forceful appeal for the betterment of womanly conditions of the race. While here she was domiciled at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Bryan, on Bryan street, where many called and enjoyed a pleasant few minutes talk with Mrs. Washington while here....The officers and members of Oriental Co. No. 15 uniform rank of this city will give a smoker at Castle Hall to their friends Wednesday night, April 26, 1911. The officers have planned several military surprises for the occasion, which will prove an eclipse with Haley comet tail on the rank of uniformity here....Miss Eula Jones is visiting in Amarilla indefinitely....Miss Ethel Richardson, of Fort Worth, spent a pleasant day here visiting among her many friends of the metropolis....Mr. J. H. Dixon, one of Dallas' most prosperous young business men, is home from an extended trip in Africa, of three months duration. He speaks in the highest terms of mang sights and things to be seen there and of the people and conditions. He enjoyed the trip to and from there fine, and never got seasick at all. Rev. C. L. Bryant accompanied Mr. Dixon and will give a series of lectures on their travels in Africa soon....Mr. H. W. Scott bought some surburban property which he will use for raising hogs and chickens for the market. His brother, Thomas J. Scott will be in full charge and keep things moving toward the market daily....The ballot proved a power last Tuesday at the polls and the strength of the colored voters was felt more than any time in the history of the city. It went solid for mayor Wm. Holland and R. R. Nelmns and they were elected over all of their opponent, five in number, leaving all the other candidates to the mercy of having to run again Tuesday, April 18th, with six entered in the race as follows: J. E. Lee against J. A. McAleer, commissioner No. 1; F. W. Bartlett, against Walker J. Edwards, commissioner No. 2; Walter Henderson, against Horace B. Williame, No. 3. It is the belief of many that a close race will be on again. Mr. Thomas Chambers, chairman of the colored voters, is all smiles because of the well known fact that the loyal colored voters stood by his plans of asking for something, while it served in a twofold way to jar the grafters and ward bosses from a grip of old time policies. The plain, common working men have woke up by reading and being kept posted by the various ward chairmen of Mr. Chambers club at their meetings, where healthy ideas were planned and discussed and thoroughly understood by all its members. Meetings were held every night the past week and many names were enrolled to better the Negroes. While electing the white men to the various offices by asking for something.....Mr. and Mrs. Demps Shade entertained the Jolly Club of Twenty-Five at their residence on Cochran street the past Sunday afternoon to a sumptuous repast and all the members but Wooden Face Willie responded. Mr. Willie Taylor is the chief ruler of this company of pleasure makers and something grand is soon to happen....Mr. Bud Boyd is here visiting his mother and relatives and friends, from PUhiladelphia, on a short leave of absence, looking all smiles.... Master J. G. Griffin Jr received in honor of his first birthday anniversary Wednesday, April 5th, from 4 to 6:30, at the home of his parents, 2292 Cochran street. Thirty-six little tots and many of their mothers enjoyed the invitation and all had a glorious time....The general rains have come and the dam building will soon begin, so that we will never experience another water famine soon....All churches will have Easter exercises Sunday and all eyes will be watching what the other fellow will have on here and there....The election of an entire merit system school board shows that there is nothing for the colorede people to be sick over. We need all the improved teachings that we can get, day and night, and not so much boosting of individuals as the whole cheese. Its up to our teachers to make good or be found wanting and let better ones take their places....Mrs. J. G. Simms and little son is visiting in Waxahachit. Mr. Simms visited them last Sunday....Mrs. W. S. Jones, of Grand Prairie, was called to Louisiana on account of the death of her mother. We sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. Jones in this their hour of sorrow.... Mr. Jeff Franklin died at the family residence on E. Commerce street last Saturday and was buried Monday, of a lingering illness....A good and tried newsy paper, the Freeman. It has made good to its many readers and patrons here. If you want it in your home just see Griffin, 800 Main street, cash in advance. ....Just now there is much sickness here and there in the city and the doctors are seen going and coming....Mr. Burt Hendricks and others of the Odd Fellsw here spent a day in Denison attending an Odd Fellow funeral.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Dave Taylor, who made a business trip to Charleston, W. Va., has returned home....Rev. Doc Fountain, of the Orphan's Home, of Glasgow, Va., preached a great sermon at the Zion Baptist church Sunday....Rev. T. W. Carroll, pastor of the Logan Memorial church of this city, returned home Thursday from Lynchburg, Va., where he attended the annual Washington conference of the colored Methodist church. The conference returned Mr. Carroll to his Parkersburg pastorate for another year, which was pleasing to the members of his local congregation....Mrs. Jake Smith, a most worthy woman, died at her residence Thursday afternoon at 3:40 o'clock. The deceased had been complaining for some time. She leaves a husband and several children. The funeral will be held Sunday at Zion Baptist church at 2 o'clock. Interment at the Spring Grove cemetery....Mrs. William McClung is slowly improving. His many friends wish her a speedy restoration to health and strength.... The Helping Hand of the M. E. church will meet at Mrs. Annie Tucks Monday evening and the Sexton Club at Mrs. W. M. Ferguson's Tuesday evening.... Mrs. Louisa Francisco was quite ill the earlier part of the week....The Sexton Club, of Logan Memorial church, will give an Indian drill in the near future. Time and place will be announced later. ....Mrs. J. W. Carroll is spending some time with her father, William A. Brown of Bedford City, Va....Mrs. Susan is critically ill at the home of her son in Wheeling....Rev. Moses Opher passed through the city Thursday enroute to Federal Hill, Md....Rev. J. T. Reed was assigned by Bishop Anderson to the M. E. church at Huntington, W. Va., and Rev. G. W. W. Jenkins to Wheeling....The Sunday school of the Longar M. E. church will hold its Easter service Sunday, April 10th....Don't forget the harvest moon dancing academy Monday. Tuesday is scholar's night. 15c to every one. Thursday night regular dance. New music every week.

PADUCAH, KY.

Notes of the Past Week in and Around the Western Metropolis of Kentucky.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The official roster of the A. M. E. Church should congratulate itself on having so efficient a clerk as Mr. Ed. Allen, whose quarterly report, read on last Sunday morning, was not only arranged systematically, but was complete in every detail....A few of the thoughtful women of Birk's Chapel met Sunday afternoon and organized a Missionary Society, with Miss Lizzie Gray, president; Miss Lillian Canford, secretary; Mrs. Belle Husbands, treasurer, and Mrs. Daisy Allen, chairman of the board of directors. This society will do general missionary work....Be patient. ust one more item and the committee will be ready to make a report on the new church project....Next Sunday is Easter, and a special program will be rendered at the A. M. E. Church. Rev. P. A. Nichols will preach on the "Resurrection"....Mr. Hogan, father of Miss Grace Hogan and Mrs. Wimley, died in the country recently. The many friends of the relatives tender their deepest sympathy....Dr. V. J. Davis has an auto, and he certainly goes some. Ask Rev. P. A. Nichols about his speeding. ....Next Wednesday night at class meeting Rev. Nichols will present a beautiful teachers' Bible to the leader reporting the largest contribution for the last three months....Jeff Carter says call 1881, Old phone, when you want hauling done promptly....Mrs. Vina Gaines has returned from an extended visit with her children in St. Louis, Mo....Mrs. Georgia Baker, of 707 S. Seventh street, is confined to her room. We hope for her speedy recovery....Mrs. Leady Norris, of 1111 N. Seventh street, is not yet able to be out....Mrs. Mamie K. Jones is enjoying herself since here return from Chicago....Don't forget to witness Prof. George Marshall's band concert at the Odd Fellows' Hall, Monday night, April 17....Read The Freeman....The Mack Conference will be held at Birk's Chapel, April 17, 18 and 19....Get The Freeman from John Amos, 1063 N. 7th street....Wait for Mirandy's Female Minstrels at the Odd Fellows' Hall, on April 28.

CLARKSVILLE, TENN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Lucy Turnly Ligon died very suddenly on the 7th from a paralytic stroke. She was one of the most highly esteemed colored women in our midst. She was an Eastern Star and a Household of Ruth member. Every colored lodge and club of the city showed their appreciation of the deceased. Her funeral was conducted by Rev. W. H. C. Stoakes, of Fifth Ward Baptist church. She leaves a husband and three children....Bishop J. S. Caldwell, of Philadelphia, Pa., arrived on the 6th and rendered an excellent sermon and race lecture to a large congregation at St. Pauls A. M. E. Zion church. The collection was $20.15, the largest yet on any church occasion. The members and citizen were highly pleased with the bishop's discourse....Rev. Carrington, of the St. Paul A. M. E. Zion church went to Louisville, Ky., this week to visit his relatives....Mr. W. D. Camble, of St. Louis, Mo., was in the city on a visit on the 10th....Mr. Thos. Mason, our famous second baseman and shortstop, is at liberty this season, and any colored manager would do well to get a player like Mr. Mason. He can make good....The Freeman can be found at 107 So. First street. J. P. Steele, agent.

WEST BADEN, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

"The Mayor of Coontown," a musical comedy company, played here Wednesday, April 5th, at the opera house. It was staged by Slick Mason and Chas. Rice. Played to a crowded house and was a decided success....The St. Louis Giants played the West Baden Plutos a very interesting game today, 7 to 6 in favor of the St. Louis Giants....Mrs. Lillie Simmons and Mrs. Viola Frierson, of Chicago, are in the valley for an indefinite stay....Miss Minnie Foree of Louisville, spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. Joe Milligan....The Willing Workers gave an apron and necktie social at the residence of Mrs. Henry Taylor's. All present spent an enjoyable evening. G. W. Waddy.

PILES

"I have suffered with piles for thirty-six years. One year ago last April I began taking Cascarets for constipation. In the course of a week I noticed the piles began to disappear and at the end of six weeks they did not trouble me at all. Cascarets have done wonders for me. I am entirely cured and feel like a new man." George Kryder, Napoleon, O.

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She spent thirty years in the jungles of Africa and has traveled through 34 States doing good wherever she went. Read St. John, 9th chapter, 33rd verse, "If this man is not of God, he could do nothing."

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  Our soul's own gladness voicing.

Bloom out ye flowers—chime on proud bells
  Ring out a song of glory,
'Till every pink and violet tells
  Once more the old, old story!

Mother and father devout,
  Gather your loved ones nearer;
Leave not a saint or sinner out
  That makes the message clearer.

And down the gay-decked avenue
  Our dusky sons and daughters,
Onward—ye souls! In grand review
  And walk beside the Altar!
—John Edward Logan.

ITEMS OF RACE INTEREST.

It is said that Negro dentists are likely to be introduced into the U. S. A.

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The A. M. E. Book Concern, located in Philadelphia, is said to be the oldest publishing house of its kind in America, as well as being the largest concern of the kind by Negroes.

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It is said that Dr. Booker T. Washington will visit the Danish West Indies at the earnest request of the Queen of Denmark for the purpose of establishing a school of the Tuskegee type.

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$105,696 is the amount appropriated by the Kansas legisltaure for Quindaro University. The Douglass Hospital benefited to the extent of $6,000. Prof. H. T. Kealing is president of the school.

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It is said that Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, is losing his mind. The senator will be remembered for his "violent" opposition to the rights of Negroes. His malady has been pronounced incurable.

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Booker T. Washington has bought a summer home of two and one-half acres in Huntington, L. I., overlooking Long Island sound, in an exclusive residential section. It is said he will occupy the premises during the summer.

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The Galveston New Idea, a publication of Galveston, Texas, gives out the following rather startling information: "10,000 armed Japs are reported to be secretly urging war with America on the part of Mexico, according to an American mine owner."

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After a long illness John Trower, probably the wealthiest negro in the United States, died last week at his home in Germantown, a suburb of Philadelphia. Trower, whose fortune is said to amount to $1,500,000, was prominent in church work, and founded a Baptist seminary in Downingtown, Pa. He was sixty-one years old.

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The one hundredth anniversary of Harriet Beecher Stowe, the author of the famous "Uncle Tom's Cabin," will be celebrated June 14th, by prominent Negro bodies throughout the Union. Already prominent clubs of white women have honored her memory by appropriate action regardless of the fact that the anniversary date is several months ahead.

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Samuel Coleridge Taylor, the well known Negro musical celebrity, was born in London, England, August 15, 1875. His father, an African and a native of Sierra Leone, was educated at King's College, London, and, having studied medicine, his practice was divided between London and Sierra Leone. As a child of four and five, Coleridge Taylor could read music before he could read a book. His first musical instruction was on the violin.

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Though the black man has had the right of franchise taken away from him in Oklahoma, the state, through its legislature, not long since evinced a willingness to educate the Negro that he may exercise the right of suffrage. It all came about in the fight over appropriation bills. The section providing for the appropriation for the Negro school at Taft was under discussion, and there was some opposition. The opposition was overwhelmingly defeated, however, and the appropriation increased $5,000.

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The well known Chicago catarer, Cherles H. Smiley, died March 25th, at his home, 229 E. 22nd street. Mr. Smiley was born in St. Catharine, Canada, Oct. 5, 1850, and went to Philadelphia when quite a boy. After reaching the age of manhood, he entered a private family in Philadelphia, and being a good waiter, possessing many pleasing traits, his services were eagerly sought by the leading catarers of that city. He succeeded in building up a large business among the wealthy classes in the Quaker City. But he was anxious to launch out into a field where competition in his especial business was not so great.

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It was reported last night to the police department that Reuben L. Hill, for twenty-two years cashier of the True Reformers Bank, which recently failed, is missing. He left his home not long since and went to Washington. This much has been learned. His family fear his mind is affected. Besides being cashier of the bank he was treasurer of the United Order of True Reformers, the largest colored secret order in the world, which was also involved in the recent crash. Hill is president and treasurer of the Capitol Shoe Supply Company, treasurer of First Baptist Church (African), president of the colored Young Men's Christian Association of Richmond, secretary of the Virginia Baptist Sunday School Association, treasurer of the Lotta Carey Foreign Missionary Society and director of the Virginia Union University. He was also a leader in the display made by his race at the Jamestown Exposition. The police of other cities have been asked to look out for him, it is feared he is wandering about.—Richmond Times.

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It has been argued by many that the South is the only section of the United States in which a Negro can live with any degree of success, and that it is wise on his part to remain in that section. There is no doubt but that he does enjoy himself more in the South than any other section, and all because of the great numbers there and the great unwritten law that they must deal among themselves. But to an observant eye it is very plain that those who seek homes in other sections of the country and identify themselves with the communities in which they cast their lot, become far more prosperous and enterprising than those who remain congested into the many black belts and communities common to the South, and the border states. If that be true, and it cannot be successfully denied, then the Negro colony that left for Canada is the beginning of the end, and the much mooted Negro problem of the United States is going to settle itself by the Negro scattering to every section of North and South America and becoming identified with the sections in which they cast their lots.—The Seattle, Wash., Republican.

NEW ALBANY, INDIANA.

Mrs. Mary E. Washington's Itinerary.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Mary E. Washington, District Grand Most Noble Governess of the Household of Ruth, G. U. O. of O. F., jurisdiction of Indiana, announces that she will visit the Households in the following cities on the dates here given: April 10, Jeffersonville; 11, Charlestown; 12, Madison; 13, Vernon; 14, Shelbyville; 15 to 17, Franklin; 18, Rushville; 19, Connersville; 20, Newcastle; 21, Richmond! 22, Raughville; 24 to 26, Indianapolis; 27, Anderson; 28, Muncie; 29 and 30, May 1, Marion; May 3 and 4, Logansport; 5 and 6, Lafayette; 7 and 8, Crawfordsville; 9, Rockville; 10, Brazil; 11 to 14, Terre Haute; 15, Bloomington; 16, Washington; 17, Vincennes; 18, Princeton; 19, Ayreshire; 20-22, Evansville; 24, Mt. Vernon; 25, Booneville; 26, Rockport. Mrs. Washington's New Albany address is 1139 Hildreth street, and she will be glad to hear from the officers of any Household at frequent intervals....Mrs. Margaret Sterrett continues ill, but is in a beter condition than she has been for some time. Miss Margaret Sterritt and Mrs. Lillie R. Johnson, her daughter, are in constant attendance at her bedside. Political conditions are chaotic. The colored voters are apathetic, and it will take some powerful "enthusing" to rally them at the spring elections. The Taft letter to Booker T. Washington and the Lewis and Cottrill appointments helped some, but they are from Missouri and want a little more "showing" locally before making up their minds as to where they are "at." ....Col. Thomas H. Johnson is making an excellent record as a storekeeper-gauger at the Sunnybrook, 28th and Broadway, Louisville.

NOTES FROM ASHEVILLE, N. C.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The canata, "Jepthah and His Daughter" was given at the Y. M. C. A. last Tuesday night, and notwithstanding the downpour of rain a good sized audience witnesesd the performance. There has been such a demand to have it repeated, that the managers have decided to do so Tuesday, April 11. The cast was composed of twenty-seven of the best musical voices in the city, and judging from the applause and the favorable comments from all sides, Asheville's musical talent is a credit to the city. Dr. J. W. Walker acted the character of Jepthah, and Miss Nancy Wright, one of the popular city school teachers, played the part of Iphigenia. The costumes are said to be the finest seen here in a local show, having been secured from a Cincinnati firm....Mr. Chas. Reese, an Asheville young man, but now the proficient chaffeur of one of the members of the Studebaker family of Chicago, is in the city again after an absenec of four years. He came on a sad mission—to bury his wife. Mr. Reese is one of the best tenors that the Blue Ridge has produced. His many friends are proud of the record that he has made....The latest thing in the line of business in our city is the Cousin's Millinery Store. The only one of its kind in this part of the state. Already the firm has done a fine business, and has not been open a month yet....The Freeman is always on sale at No. 1 Eagle street, Howell's barber shop.

STARKVILLE (MISS.) NEWS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. Mac Cunningham left on the 18th for Memphis, Tenn....Mrs. Mattie Barnes left last week for Columbia, Miss....Mr. Eddie Stablenfield, who is reported to be very sick at his home, is not better....Prof. T. M. Edgar gave a grand exhibition at the closing of New Light Public School Friday, March 25th. ....Rev. J. W. Logan, of Eupara, Miss., was a visitor....Rev. J. H. Gaston, of Rosedale, Miss., returned home after visiting relatives and friends....Mr. O. B. Nicholas and family, of Greenville, Miss., left home to be present at the funeral of her mother on the 19th, but arrived too late for the burial....The people who live at New Light are appreciative of the great good that Prof. Edgar has done during the present school term.... The Second Baptist church has elected Rev. Cohn, of Oxford, Miss., for the next twelve months, at a salary of $400.

MANNING (S. C.) NEWS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Southern Rose Minstrels played at Manning, S. C., Monday night to a packed house. Mr. E. N. Calloway played some very select overtures for the occasion. He is also stage director, being assisted by Mm. Dewey, the interlocutor and producer. Daisy Calloway, the S. C. nightingale, the team of Easton & Easton, and also the team of Hudson & Ingram. They are all receiving encores nightly. But that little fellow Harrison Chisom is the funniest comedian in the South. He is a coming wonder as a performer. Miss Ruth Miller and Ethel York are also very clever soubrettes. Will Denis, our trap drummer, is very hard to beat.

NOTABLE ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT OF HOWARD UNIVERSITY

Battleships and Schoolhouses.

In his address at the great banquet to Senitor Gallinger, at Washington, at which President Taft, Secretary Root and others spoke, President W. P. Thirkield, of Howard University, responded to the toast, "Battleships and Schoolhouses." He said in part, that a congressman had proposed that for three millions we should build a Dreadnaught, and emblazon her with the name "Skeered o' Nothin'," but Lincoln saw, with prophetic ken, that our gravest problems and perils are not without, but within, that "as a nation of free men, we must live through all time, or die by suicide."

"Grave and far reaching are the problems of the republic; world embracing, our opportunity. The battleship cannot solve these problems; the school house and college can. With enough gunboats to police our shores, rather than forty more battleships for eighty millions, to plow the seas and tempt the devil of war, give us eighty millions to equip and strengthen the institutions of learning in forty states of the Union. After all, it is not the gun, but the man behind the gun that commands the world's homage, and makes the Union invincible.

"Spain had the ships and the guns, but drew her defenders and warriors from a population, 63 per cent. of whom are illiterate, and the guns would not hit the mark. It is the man of trained powers, the man of disciplined brain and will, dauntless and firm before the foe, who aims steady and hits the bull's eye every time. Powers tested in school, mental and moral sinews hardened, give forth the American Hobson and his band of heroes. Wild-eyed in visions of war, and hot on his Hobson's hobby for battleships, he may appear—yet may we never forget his deathless deed of heroism for his country, and his example of high-souled valor that clutches the heart of American youth. The nerves of such a man may tremble, but the soul of patriotism carries him on in the teeth of the guns.

"With Senator Gallinger, we agree that it is the school and the moral forces of the republic we must bring to bear on the grave problems we face. Think of the migration of a million a year to our shores. No longer kindred peoples—Teutons, Saxons, Celts, of Northern Europe—but the Slavs and Semites, the 'Huns and Vandals of Southern Europe; of this million 230,000 illiterate, 430,000 of them unskilled. On they come with their blood hatreds and race hostilities.

"America is 'Gods crucible,' the great melting pot, where all the races of Europe are meeting and reforming. Our civilization will be to these either the fires of God, refining, chastening, purifying—or the fires of Hell, destroying, corrupting, damning these alien masses before they can be Americanized.

"Your battleships will not stop them. The schoolhouse must open to them and train them for citizenship, else the cities into which are massing these ignorant aliens will be overwhelmed as was Rome. Even now the warning of Wendell Phillips is solemn and prophetic: 'Our cities will yet strain our republic as slavery never did.' And face to face with appalling illiteracy and bartered ballots, even in Ohio, there is given awful meaning to that other word of Phillips: 'An ignorant ballot is the winding sheet of liberty.'

"Let education, therefore, as the Senator-statesman pleads, be made a national function. Place it along side of the army and navy. Let it rank along with internal improvements as a basal function of the government. The conservation of forests and water powers is good. Conservation and development of manhood is better.

"I am here also to utter the gratitude of nearly one-third of the people of the District, a race also representing every ninth soul of the republic, for the constant and generous interest of Senator Gallinger in the equipment and work not only of the common schools, but of Howard University, the only institution where the government directly touches the education of the American Negro.

"With a large spirit of humanity, Senator Gallinger joins the President, I may say, in the expressed conviction that this institution is the partial payment of a debt to a race to which the government and the people of the United States are eternally indebted—that it is an obligation of the government to an institution which shall work out in the end, the solution of one of the great problems that God has put upon the people of the United States. It stands for the education of a race which, through no fault of its own, is a part of our Anglo-Saxon civilization, and must measure up to its duties and responsibilities, or be doomed. They are American in spirit and ideals—not anarchists or socialists; not strikers or avengers. There are no such black societies among black men. For the training of the teachers, physicians, and the intellectual, moral, and industrial leaders of this race, Howard University stands."

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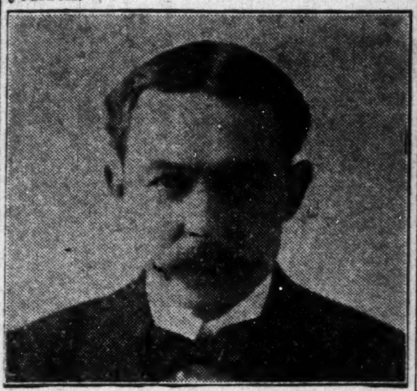

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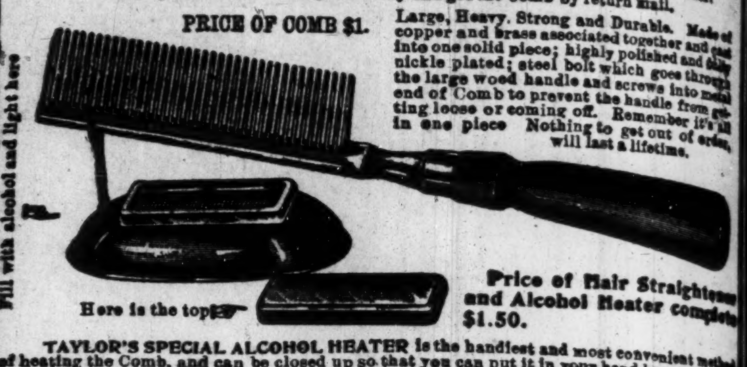
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Qualifications for License. Persons to whom licenses are granted must be of good moral character and must have resided in the state one year and in the township, city or town where he seeks a license, six months. No person who has been convicted of a felony within fifteen years, or who prior to passage of this law has been convicted twice in four years for violating liquor laws, shall be granted a new license; nor shall any person who has been convicted twice in any period of two years of violating the liquor laws after this act takes effect, be granted a renewal of license.

Revocation of License. Licenses shall be revoked for the following causes: 1, If licensee has within the year preceeding been convicted of any felony or been in fact guilty of the commission of a felony or any violation of the law in restraint of lewdness or is grossly immoral or otherwise unfit to conduct a saloon. 2, If the lecensee has within the two years preceeding been guilty the third time of violating any of the provisions of this act or any other liquor law. 3, If the licensee fails to pay his license fees. 4, If the licensee has been guilty of violating the liquor laws, has permitted lewd persons, obscene pictures of nude women in his place of business or is otherwise guilty of misconduct which renders him unfit to conduct such business, his license shall be suspended not over thirty days for the first offense, and for the second offense within two years, shall be suspended for sixty days; and for the third offense, ***must be revoked.*** 5, If the licensee has permitted gambling in his place of business. 6, If the licensee has made any false statement in his application for license.

License Fees. License fees are fixed as follows: State license $200, raised from $100. City fee—first and second class cities—from $300 to $500, to be determined by the city council. City fee—any other class—from $200 to $500, to be fixed by the council. Incorporated towns from $150 to $300, to be fixed by the town board.

TRANSFER OF LICENSE.

Permission to sell or transfer license can be granted only when the person to whom it is proposed to sell or transfer such license, has all the qualifications required of original licensees. No license can be sold or transferred while charges are pending against the holder. The object of the provision is to make the holder careful not to lose his license by violation of the law.

REMONSTRANCES.

Any voter may file remonstrance against the granting of renewal of license five days before the commissioners meet, and no renewal shall be granted until such remonstrance is decided. In case of application for new license, remonstrance may be filed under any former law.

CHANGE OF LOCATION.

Any license holder wishing to transfer his place of business must give at least twenty days' notice of his intention to apply for permission to transfer, and any person living in the territory to which it is proposed to move, shall have the privilege of remonstrating against the granting of such transfer. No transfer can be granted from a city to a township or from a township to a city.

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No one shall sell intoxicating liquor on Sunday, the Fourth of July, Christmas, New Years, Thanksgiving, or on any election day until the polls are closed. In cities of the first and second class, saloons may remain open from 5 a. m. until 12 p. m.; in other cities from 5 a. m. until 11 p. m.; and in all other places between 5 a. m. and 10 p. m.

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ECHOES FROM BISHOP GRANT'S SICK CHAMBER.

By J. R. Ransom, P. E., of the Tokepa District, Tokepa, Kan.

"A friend loveth at all times."

Never before in all my life did I understand so fully the defiinition of that scriptural quotation until that good and great man, Bishop Grant, was arrested by the hand of affliction. October 31 when I called to see him I said, "Bishop, I trust that you are improving in health," and he said, "No, I have been here since the 17th and am no better; I cannot sleep at night, my appetite has failed me and I am just growing weaker every day. If I could get out in the country somewhere and be left to myself with only a few friends who would do the talking and let me do the listening. I think I would feel better." "Well," said I, "Bishop, if you will go, I have one of the best country homes in mind in this state or in the west. You can take Mrs. Grant and Miss Beulah and stay as long as you wish and I know you will be welcome." "Where is that home?" said he. I said, "Jacob Welcher in Morris county. They are among my best friends and they will be glad to do anything they can for you."

"Well, Ransom, I wish I could go, but I cannot at this time. I am so tired and lonesome here that I don't know what to do sometimes." "Why, Bishop," said I, "don't you have plenty of company here?" "Yes," said he, "but most of them discuss all the ills and troubles that is around about them and I don't care to hear of anybody's troubles but my own at this time. There are just a few of you fellows who do not pour out all your woes and misfortunes of others upon a fellow when you get to talking, and I am in no condition to hear it."

November 1st and 2nd were the meeting days of the State and University Board of Trustees over which Bishop Grant presided, the latter held at the University, the former at the Episcopal residence. November 1st when I returned he said, "Ransom, where have you been?" I replied, "Out on my district, Bishop." "Well, you had better stay close about here, for I feel as though I may not be here very long." On the 14th of November as we sat upon his front porch he said, "I did want to go to Washington so much that I might use my influence on President Taft to take care of our friend Vernon, but it looks as if I am not going to be able to go." I said, "Bishop, write the President a strong letter and do not worry about going. I think, however, if you would call in a specialist to assist your family physician it would be very helpful to you." "Oh," said he, "they are all about the same when it comes to my case, for none of them can do me any good now. If I could get to Jacksonville, Florida, and get treatments from our doctor there and with that climate it might do some good."

After spending a few days I went out to my work again, returning November 22nd to find that he had grown much worse. I said, "Bishop, you are looking much better aren't you." (This to cheer him up.) Prof. W. W. Fisher, who was present, said, "Yes, Bishop Grant is looking much better." "But," the Bishop replied, "Professor, why don't you and Ransome tell the truth; you know that I am no better and why do you attempt to fool me?" After spending a couple of days at this time, I returned to my home, but came back on November 28th, and he said, "Ransom, why don't you stay close around here? You don't have to go home; your wife and half of your children are here at Qindaro, and I am going pretty soon." I said, "Oh no Bishop, there are too many faithful prayers going up in your behalf for you to steal away from us," and he said, "that's all right, Ransom, but my work on earth is about done and I am just standing here between two worlds waiting for orders from my Father in heaven. It does not make any difference whether I go or stay. I don't want you to go too far or stay too long for when I go I want you to be standing by my side." I remained with him from the 28th to December 2nd, during which time he said to Profs. Kealing, Fisher and myself: "I would like to live to see the unveiling of John Brown's monument, the opening of the Connectional Preacher's Home, and the meeting of the Ecumenical Conference of Methodism of the World. And we said, "Bishop, we don't think there is any doubt about that," and Dr. S. H. Thompson, his family physician, said, "Oh yes, Bishop, you can live till then easy enough." But he said, "I think not. I have watched the course of this disease many years in others and I observe that it is working the same way in my case; it can onl ybe a short time at best before I go." The doctor said, "W hen is the unveiling of the monument to take place, Bishop?" And he answered, "At commencement time in June." Dr. Thompson replied, "That it will be too late for you, Bishop," and he said, "Oh well, why should I hestitate when my beautiful home is waiting for me in the skies?" "Ransom, I can feel my feet brushing the dew banks of Jordan; I know the crossing must be nigh. It's all right for I would rather be absent from the body and be present with the Lord." But I said, "Bishop, you must not be so anxious to go. You owe it to others to stay here—your wife, your friends, your church, your race and the nation needs you in these perilous times." "But," said he, " don't you think that my Father in heaven knows better what is needed than you, the church, the race, or any one else?" "Oh yes," said I, "but that does not say that we should not make our wants known to him." "Well," said he, "if God wants me spared as you say, then he will spare me, for I am ready for his orders no matter what they are, if it is to lay down this burden of life or remain upon the battlefield is all right with me."

December 14th when I returned from a short trip on my work to find him growing weaker, I said, "Bishop, how are you?" "I am still holding on." Said I, "I hope you are better." "No, Ransom, can't you think of something that I can eat?" I said, "I might get you some quail if you think you can eat that, or anything that you might suggest." So Prof. Fisher and I went to the market, but finding no quail, got two nice frying-size chickens of which he ate but little.

That same evening he said to Profs. Kealing, Fisher and myself: "I want you boys shall take care of the church as far as it is possible for you to do, and the church will take care of you. Pay no attention to those who may envy you because you are doing your duty, for I know from past experience that if you will stand up for the right and be honest with the church money, the church will honor you." "Ransom," said he, "you have had just a little experience along this line, for a certain person (naming that person) claimed that you were short in your Easter Day Mission fund, so when you read your report, to vindicate you, I appointed an auditing committee to examine your books and reports, and when the brethren found your report was correct, they elected you without opposition." The church in the main is all right. I have found no fault with her, she has treated me all right, while I had some enemies and oppositions in the church, my brethren as a rule stood by me and I am satisfied."

After spending a few days out on my work Ireturned again December 20th, to find that Bishop Grant had given up all hopes of life, and said that he was just waiting to hand in the gang plank, but said I to him, "You must not give up to die now. The doctor has said if you will take your medicine according to directions, and be quiet, you might live ten or fifteen years longer." But he said, "What does the doctor know about the orders of heaven?" And I said, "Bishop, when you consider taht all the churches of our own denomination, and most of them of our race are praying for your recovery, you must get well." And he said, "Ransom, do you know that there are some ministers in some of our large churches who have not even said to their congregations, "Bishop Grant is dangerously ill, pray for him." I said, "No sir, Bishop, it can't be true." "Well," said he, "but that is all right."

Prof. W. W. Fisher, Rev. M. S. Bryant, Dr. H. W. Peck, Prof. H. T. Kealing and myself pleaded with him to let us send a specialist to see him, but he said no. "It has been said of me that I had rather walk three miles out of the way to please my friends than to do anything that would displease them, so I'll trust my family physician." I returned to the Bishop's bedside December 25th, Xmas day, to find him suffering almost untold agony and he said, "Ransom, why don't you have all the ministers here in the city of our church come here and hold a Xmas service with me. Let them sing, some one perform at the piano, one of them stand there in the door and preach a Xmas sermon, and one of you administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper?" But I said, "No, Bishop, you could not stand the strain, it would be too great a taxation upon your vitality, I fear." But he said, "That would lay no taxation upon me." But I said, "Bishop, you know the condition your wife has been in for these five years and more and I fear she could not stand it." And he said, "Yes, that's true." But I said, "If you say so, I will call Drs. Peck and Jones and have them to come and administer the sacrament to you." And he said, "Go ahead." So I called them up but could not reach Rev. Jones. Rev. Peck came and administered the Lord's Supper and it was a source of great joy to him. I left that night, but returned a few days later. While in Emporia holding my second quarterly meeting I received a long distance call from Prof. W. W. Fisher which said—Bishop Grant said for you to come on the first train. So at six p. m. I was at his bedside, where I remained until the end came. Notwithstanding the fact that some of our ministers thought and said I should have gone home or out on my work and that I was expecting to be rewarded for it, but I stayed for what I thought of Bishop Grant and not for a big name or the hope of a reward. Many of the ministers in my district had said this to me, "you stay with the Bishop if you desire and we will take care of your work," which they did, and God bless them for their service.

One night, while Revs. Pitcher, Peck, Profs. Kealing, Fisher and I were together on watch in his sick room, he said, "I have been preaching the gospel of Christ Jesus for thirty-eight years. I have not made any pretentions of sanctification according to the interpretation of some of these later days sanctified saints, but I have preached a plain, simple gospel and lived it as my God has given me to understand it. I have succeeded in helping many a poor sinner to see the light and come to Christ and confess in his faith." Bishop Grant was a patient sufferer, after the physicians had held their consultation one night I said, "Bishop, the doctors have left some very strict orders with us." "Well," said he, "What are they?" I said, "You are to take that medicine according to directions, stay in bed and be quiet and keep under the cover." "Who made you all rulers over me in this house?" I said, "No one, Bishop, but we are trying to do what is best for you." "Well, I guess that is true, but who pays the doctors?" I said, "You, Bishop." "Well then, the doctors and all the rest of you are to take orders from me and not me from you, so sit down." I said, "All right, Bishop, I will be good." Then he said, "See to it that you are."

Concluded Next Week.

JAMES JULIUS TURNER AND SON.

James Julius Turner will be remembered in Indianapolis, where he was reared from childhood. He left this city many years ago; he went to Providence, R. I., where he came in possession of considerable property.

Mr. Turner has been a recent resident of Kingston, Jamaica, where he was also fortunate in a business way. He owns good property in Kingston. More recently Mr. Turner is of Phoenix, Arizona, where he went for his health. He is accompanied by his wife and little son, who accompany him in all of his great travels.

OGDEN, UTAH.

Society and Church Happenings.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Dunbar Literary Society, which meets every Tuesday night at the J. C. Embry A. M. E. Church, is having quite a success. The well-prepared programs, with the many interesting addresses, vocal solos, quartette selections, together with the many great questions for debate, have aroused the citizens and visiting friends of Ogden to that extent that every Tuesday night there is scarcely sitting room. There are about 275 colored people in Ogden, but if one should attend the meetings of the Dunbar Literary Society each week, he would think from the attendance that there are about 3,000....Madame Ruth Perry Shaw, the dramatic soprano, one of Utah's greatest singers, was called to Salt Lake City last week to sing one of her favorite songs....Mr. J. N. Littlejohn, who for many months has made Ogden his headquarters, is spending two or three months with Mr. Spagner, at 273 Union avenue, Los Angeles, Cal. Mr. Littlejohn made a quick trip to Ogden last week, on business. He reports having a very pleasant stay in Southern California, although he expects to return to Ogden in the near future. Mr. Littlejohn was originally from St. Augustine, Fla. He is favorably impressed with the Middle West. He left his subscription to The Freeman with our agent. ....Mrs. Edith Patton, who was confined with an attack of pneumonia in the Thomas D. Dee Memorial Hospital for several weeks, has been removed to her home, 2701 Wall avenue, where she is improving....Mrs. James Thompson, 2341 Jackson avenue, was taken very ill last week. We wish her a speedy recovery. ....Mr. S. L. Willis, who had a partial stroke of paralysis, is gaining his strength very fast. He is able to sit up alone. With the excellent attention he receives at the Dee Memorial Hospital he will soon be able to get out again....Mr. Lee Bowman, who lost his sense of hearing two weeks ago, seems to be improving very slowly, but surely.....Mrs. W. J. Britton, one of Ogden's property owners, is one among the many new subscribers to The Freeman....The J. C. Embry A. M. E. Church is putting forth many efforts with beneficial results, towards purchasing a plot on which to build a church. This plot, which is being purchased by the members of the J. C. Embry A. M. E. Church, was sold to them on the installment plan. They were allowed to pay $10 per month until paid for. They began just a few months ago, and now only owe $95, which amount they expect to raise by May 25. The price of this plot was $500. Remember that the membership of this church is very small, numbering about twenty-five in all, and three years ago there wasn't any church here at all. We are renting now, but our motto is "A New Church." Rev. B. McCuller is the pastor.

FOSTORIA, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. Israel Durdin and family met with a very serious accident at his residence, about 9:30 p. m., Monday night. A tree standing near his house was blown down by a windstorm. The tree struck the house, making a total wreck of it. All were asleep when the accident happened, but nobody was hurt....Landy Parham, who runs the steam loader for the Foster Lumber Company, has been sick for a few days, but is again able to be out.... Rev. C. W. Warren has begun his revival meetings, and the crowd is increasing nightly....Mr. Eskin Harris and Miss Alice Blueford were married Sunday, April 2, at the bride's mother's home....Mrs. Durdin and Prof. J. N. Perkins, of Montgomery county, were married April 9, at Grassland, Tex.....Don't forget to read The Freeman.

JACKSONVILLE, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Old Folks Concert given March 28, under the auspices of Mrs. Charles Sharp, was largely attended and quite a success. It was one of the best concerts ever given in our city. The cotton scene was grand, being arranged by Mrs. C. Sharp. Everyone on the program did well. The children's part was nicely played. Great credit is due to Mrs. Charles Sharp for the success of the concert....Mrs. W. H. Robinson is some better at this writing.. ..The Sunday morning choir of the A. M. E. church very pleasantly surprised Mr. Charles Jackson at his home on E. College street. Mr. Jackson was remembered with a nice present....Mrs. Ollie Brown, of Ashland avenue, was completely surprised at her home. Mrs. Brown was presented with a nice present. The presentation speech was made by Mr. Jacob Stewart.....Mrs. Josephine Geeter and daughter have returned from New Orleans, La., after a pleasant visit.... Miss Josephine Haskell, of S. West street, is some better at this writing....It was rally day April 2 at the Mt. Pisgah church and they had quite a successful rally.... Mrs. Bell Parrish, of S. Main street, and daughter Ruby, are visiting friends in Hannibal, Mo....Mr. Clay Mallory, of Chicago, Ill., has come to Jacksonville, Ill., and will be employed at Malloy Brothers' store. His many friends are glad to see him....Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Williams, of Monmouth, Ill., left after a pleasant visit. The little children of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Underwood, of N. Diamond street, are some better at this writing....The musical given recently in honor of Miss Susie Lynch, at the Mt. Emery Baptist church, was largely attended and was quite a success....The musical concert given recently at the Mt. Emery Baptist church for the benefit of Miss Susie Lynch was largely attended and a good success....Miss Ada Bell, of Ashland avenue, is slowly improving from her illness....Mr. Matthew Paxton, of E. Morgan street, does not seem to improve much.

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The weather wouldn't offend any-one if it were a trifle warmer.

Indiana Avenue and near Indiana Avenue are getting considerable attention in these cleaning-up times.

Stokes Jackson says that there's nothing to the rumor that he meant to appoint all those relatives to office.

The police department has made it a little hard for club life, but it knows what it is doing. The only excuse for the existence of some of those places was that it permitted colored men to "get by"—this in face of their hardships generally. We can not say that the community or the race was otherwise helped.

The True Reformers are making a great struggle for existence, and there is a way t o succeed. The white people of Richmond are doing much to save the order for the good it has done and for its good intents. This is very encouraging. High-salaried officers have no place in benevolent or fraternal institutions.

If these salaries are cut materially it will mean both money and confidence to the organization, either of which are expected if an enterprise is to succeed.

The one hundredth anniversary of the birthday of Harriet Beecher Stowe will be celebrated June 14. Colored women already are making preparation to properly honor the memory of the woman who did so much to advance the cause of liberty.

Perhaps it is not necessary to say that Mrs. Stowe wrote the immortal "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Very few books have enjoyed so great a popularity as this production.

It was founded on human misery and suffering—the most fruitful themes in the world of abstract thought.

The pilgrims to Canada have the opportunities of their lives. It is something to leave behind civilization and take a home in a vast, howling wilderness. Blackstone speaks of the gregariousness of mankind, saying that man would rather dwell amidst alarms than be king in a desert. Society is his habitat. But all through history we note restless spirits that refused to look up to the eyes of others; they braved great dangers in order that they might look with equal eye on all men.

The opportunity is theirs and should be well used in conserving their present and future interests.

Some one has said that "an ignorant ballot is the winding sheet of liberty." A very pretty speech, too pretty to spoil, but at that it might be misleading. If it means dense, abject, stupid ignorance it is scarcely likely that the proposition would be opposed—the ballot in such hands would mean nothing. But if it means that an individual of poor education, regardless of his understanding, is a menace to popular liberty it means too much. The individual who has the ability to earn a home, who pays taxes which keep up the public improvements, is a preferred citizen whether his privileges escheat to the state or not. Such a citizen knows how to vote since it is not natural that he votes his own destruction.

AN ATTACK ON THE PRESIDENT OF HOWARD UNIVERSITY.

We note with a feeling of regret that a Washington, D. C., publication has felt the necessity of making a vicious attack on Dr. William Thurkield, head of Howard University of that city. One not on the scene would not be so well prepared to discuss the merits of the case as those who are, consequently we do not undertake to enter into details concerning the situation. Owing to the excellent repute of the doctor in all respects, and his uncommon regard and sympathy for the Negro race, it would ill become us as a race if a word were not said in his behalf.

We may mistake present conditions because not on the spot, however we are not mistaken concerning the past. Nor are we quite willing to admit that the well-known educator is different to what he was years ago when in Atlanta, Ga., at the head of a great school there, we believe, where he became persona non grata to the community owing to his "bold" speeches in behalf of Negro freedom and enlarged citizenship.

Those who were in active life a decade and more ago will remember one voice that lifted from the South during racial stress that rang out with singular force and clearness. It declared for the manhood of men, taking but small note of the distinguishing mark of color, holding it as a non-essential in the struggle for the existence as God would have it, and as man would have it when governed by the "better angels of his nature." It was a welcome voice because of its source—from one who dared, standing practically alone—a lone white man amidst the multiplied thousands, unsupported save by a supreme confidence that he was in the right. It was a voice of a latter-day abolitionist and which because of quality and source was full of cheer and comfort—"be not afraid for lo, I am with you until the end of time," it seemed to say. This was the voice of Rev. Dr. Wilbur P. Thirkield, whom we have viewed as one of the most lovable white men of the American continent.

Indeed if we, any of us, in turning about us in search of the names of white men that will in some manner compare with those of Sumner, Chase, Lovejoy, Phillips and Garrison, whose shall we write if not that of Thirkield? The latter generation presents no name that outranks his for long and continued devotion to the interests of the Negro race. We think of the distinguished Foraker, but the ex-Senator of Ohio has no long line of events to his credit that entitles him to precedence.

We feel warranted in giving what we know of Dr. Thirkield in a general way, the side that weighs in his favor. If there is another side it is unknown to us, and at that we are willing to pit the two, feeling satisfied that the good will far more than compensate any supposed evil.

Depose Thirkield is the cry of a few who think they are justified. The Washington publication so demanding is very uncharitable when it says "let Thirkield resign," the motive seeming to put a Negro at the head of the institution. We have nothing to say to the purpose of having Negroes head their own institutions, everything else being equal. We are, however, opposed to this prosition of slaughter. Something is due the station held by the doctor. Commonness of humankind means the utmost respect to all human kind. The voice of bully or braggart should be silenced as peremptorily as a good judge quells a riotous demonstration in a court room. Respect for the court is the everlasting vigilance of the judge. We see no reason why the same kind of regard should not hold for other men of high station, regardless of the outcome of tenure of office. The newspaper, true enough, is a forum, a vehicle of expression and a necessity in the conservation of the citizens' interests. The newspaper is not, however, a thing of inquisition, nor is it above the law. It is no more nor less than any other citizen and has no more right to take liberties.

We think that liberties have been taken with the head of Howard University at Washington. Some have differed with his programs—his curricula, thinking that he leaned a trifle too much toward industrialism. It would seem that the trustees, or directors, or the board of control, would have much to say about such things.

We know that Dr. Thirkield has given a brilliant administration, by reputation at least. If the institution is as well managed as it is reported, we, at this distance, see no reason for the attack on its present president.

THE FACTIONS.

"The principles Mr. Washington is attempting to carry out can't be carried out successfully without the cooperation of the best minds of the colored race. The principles enunciated by Mr. Du Bois can not be carried out successfully without the co-operation of the ordinary, as well the business and professional men of the race. The policies of both men need some revising and broadening. It seems to all that Mr. Washington sees the necessity of asking for his race constitutional rights and that he should be willing to go record, flatly endorsing such. Mr. Du Bois sees the need of industrialism and we believe he stands ready to give it his support in its proper sphere. There is no good reason why Mr. Du Bois should not unite with the Business Men's League and there is no reason why Mr. Washington should not unite with the National Movement for the Advancement of Colored People as well as with the Niagara Movement.—The Rochester Sentinel.

It is not too difficult to understand why these men do not merge their activities. The Washington phase of school we do not think was meant to stand for Negro education as a whole. He has objected time and time again to this construction. His zeal in building his school and the apparent need of the kind of education, according to conditions of life, won for him general approval. This approval is thought to have carried with it the wholesale consignment of the race to merely an industrial education. Had Mr. Washington remained merely as a schoolman the idea of a peculiar education would not have obtained so generally. Had he remained merely as a school man many of those great industrial institutions of the Southland and over the country generally, would not now be in existence. His zeal was contagious.

We rather think that Mr. Washington was forced to defend his school as a principle of education befitting the times and conditions, because so vigorously assailed. It was thought he meant to hold the race to the one phase when, as we see it, he was simply pushing the end that he espoused, leaving the classic end to others. His singular tact and ability, together with the white man's notion, also the race condition at the beginning, spelled success for the principal of Tuskegee. He took advantage of the rising of the tide in his offering; it led on to fortune.

Many of the race, including Du Bois, Trotter and Walters, are opposed to the educational idea, for which Tuskegee stands, as they view it, for the Negro education in toto, because Mr. Washington has become the leading Negro of the nation, meaning that whatever he stands for, in their minds, so stands the race. That is the way it is thought and put.

It can be seen at once that the upper class of Negroes could never be reconciled to the condition. They would be eliminated as they view it. There's no place for them—the lawyers, doctors, learned professors of various kinds, saw themselves, in their imagination, beyond the pale. At any rate the best accepted theory of Negro education did not include them, so it was quite natural that they should look after their own interest.

The breach widens yearly and in all honor must continue so, since Mr. Washington's greatest support is based on the advertised theory of industrialism. It is plain that the factions will stand as armed camps, and uselessly so, since both of the ideas are necessities.

EASTER AND OTHER REFLECTIONS.

"By all that is required of me
I know what he himself must be."

Some one wrote those two very beautiful lines; he or she knew what they were doing. Some one also wrote "Let me write the songs of a nation and I care not who make the laws." Some one could well have written, "Show me the books that most appeal and I will read the heart." The two lines are those of a woman; that's but a guess. A man could have written them, but what a rare one! Even to conceive them and put them into the mouth of a character, he would yet be a rare one. For touching tenderness, sacred nearness, life, faith, love, it is to be doubted if two other expressions of the language hold so much—freighted down with as much possible good. Here is duty enjoined by love and confidence, acting in two directions—enjoining by some seeming higher law—both those who command and those who obey.

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Perhaps it is the state of mind that makes for beauty of expressions. The temperament of individuals will also be a factor in the estimation, hence what appears beautiful and forceful to one may not appear so to another. The normal man is the product of the conventions of general society, that is to say, it is the one or those that abide by the terms of that society's agreements. These agreements run out in every direction, touching all things, reaching fairly the same conclusions about all things. An individual of such a society is considered normal. He sees the beautiful as others see it; is moved by it; is affected in the various ways that the modes of life affect others. Who is it that would not care to have the lines said of him, regardless of the fact that he fell short of the implied injunction? And the injunction is implied—goodness is the requirement, felt to be so without the "enacting" clause. They do not say that goodness is required, but is it for a moment doubted? Will one so malign the lines as to say that they could possibly mean otherwise? Yet they could. Here is a lofty assemblage of words that carries true to the moral side as homing bee to the hive. We know what is meant because we know. No one teaches the bees, yet they know. The truths are not relative, excepting for want of demonstration in either event. The bees know by instinct; we know by induction.

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"By all that he requires of me" unassociated with its sequence, we may say, falls inane, helpless. Its betetr self is a happy thought, since one is dependent on the other, entwined, interlaced, dependent just as a family relation depends at least on two—the couplet now joined is as potent as the sermon on the mount. The individual requiring, is sainted, canonized to, at least, one mind; and the individual influenced is none the less glorious when guided by precept and example as will be thought of him that requires so much of me. Environment has much to do with life. Suppose one's life was pitched ever amid such influences, and human wrong would appear human desecration. Now then for your Utopia and the golden age.

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These are some of the reflections gotten of the lines, at least, for the moment. That some will back to their wallows will not be denied, but the preachment will find lodgment somewhere. If no immediate good results, it will be passed on, just like the kind words are never lost of the years ago.

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When one ponders well whether he be worthy of the sentiment, he turns the searchlight on himself. Can he stand his own test? Here is much more than the golden rule. Can one muster at his own inspection, when general conscience gets busy? When he does we are often compelled to go way back and sit down. We know what we would demand of our lovers, wives, husbands, children. Will they know what we are by what we demand of them? Ought they to know? Aye, there's the rub, Mr. Shakespeare, the rub. Conscience makes cowards of us all. We would have ours be good, true, brave, honest, virtuous, indulgent to a proper degree, compassionate, sympathetic, loving—in fact, the total gamut of the beautitudes we would exhaust in making our own little world perfect. Then if in turn we are what we exact, the occupation of the preacher would be gone, the dream of poet and philosopher, the prayers of the saints would need not to be.

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Easter Reflections.

If we may believe the mythologists, Mother Ceres and daughter are again united after a half year of separation, when she

"Mourned the living Hector as the
Hector dead."

If we are stil to believe those beautiful simple stories, the earth typing the bereaved mother puts on the "widow's" weeds, albeit she was mourning the loss of a daughter; not a husband. It was not very much different; her love was bound up in her daughter.

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Andronmache expressed it very aptly at the gate of Troy—the Scaen gate—where she implored her lord not to risk himself in the open in battle against the Greecians.

"Let others in the field their arms
employ,
But stay, my Hector, here and guard
his Troy."

Her seven brave brothers fell, "and in one sad day beheld the gates of hell." She had lost mother, too, in the struggle and father—all, and who "once more must perish if my Hector fall." Mother, father and brother were all in Hector as she saw it. It was thus with Ceres when Proserpina was claimed by the god of the underworld as wife. He, however, to assuage the mother's grief, permitted the daughter to remain with the mother, one-half of each year. Such was the generosity of the king of the nether regions, or else we would have a different story to tell.

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The story as told may not be a true one, yet it is an excellent characterization of the two greater seasons, as we understand them. The world does put on its muddy vesture of decay, and for six months more or less, the year's night, the symbol of death is on—the economy of heaven in preparing mankind for his end and destiny. But if death is typified, so is life, the economy of heaven being complete. If one is taught to expect to shrivel up and blow away like the seared leaves of autumn, he is also taught to be, to expand, to unfold as the lilies, the tulips and others of those delightful nature's children.

Easter tide is this festival of life—the time of the returning sun. The world of intelligence in all its days have expressed some token of respect for the revival days of the year. Even barbarous nations have tried to finde some great spiritual or religious significance in the birth of the year. The individual rejoices whether civilized or uncivilized, expressing himself according to the understanding, imagination and intelligence.

Some of the nations likened the world's beginning unto a great egg, laid by some monster creature thousands of years ago. The egg has played a prominent part in the imagination and does today when we think of life at its creation. Perhaps the egg is the fittest symbol of birth, in fact it is more than a symbol when we think of life proper. The beautiful white egg of the hen or duck is generally referred to as the best type of created things—the representative of life.

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The earth bursts her bands in these days, yields up her love at the influence of her liege lord, the sun. Ere long mead and vale will flower with the children of nature, the land will "dance with corn and wine." The trees garland in green and with the lines of the rainbow, will clap their hand in bounteous applause at the well doing of the Master. The very clods, senseless, inanimate, borrow joy of animate things and join the throng of the grateful. Living things, the bellowing herds, the lambs, gamboling on the hills, the goats leaping precipices, the flitting tribes of the waters and those songsters loaned of heaven—one season stands only—the birds join the carnival of praise.

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As great as flowers, birds and bees stand in token of the re-creation, there came One on the scene some four thousand years ago, who exemplified the phases of the earth as it passes through life and death, death and life. He gave himself back to the earth and at the appointed time broke the cerements of the grave and stood forth whole in the fulfillment of prophecy. The Blessed Master, our Lord and Savior, arose the third morning triumphant, defying the laws of mortals in the attestation of his divinity.

The Christian church values greatly the day made glorious by the Son of God, who gave his life to redeem man from the curse of the broken law.

W. M. L.

OWENSBORO, KY.

The baseball team of the Western High School of Owensboro, Ky., will cross bats with the high school team of Evansville, Ind., at the new South Side Park, Monday, April 17, 1911. The local team has been practising hard for the past week and will take the field confident of victory, although the Evansville team has a very strong line-up. The fans are enthusiastic over the outcome of the game and promise to turn out in large crowds to cheer W. H. S. to victory....Owensboro baseball team under the management of H. Hill, named "The Owensboro Gazette" is rapidly getting in form. He intends to coincide with all other classable teams during the present season of 1911, and he wishes to hear from all managers of baseball clubs. Address 532 Vine street, Owensboro, Ky., H. Hill manager.....One of the most classable barber shops of the city, being in charge of H. Hill, prop., put out some of the most classable work. Furnish hot and cold baths. Situated on North Frederica street. H. Hill, proprietor....Mr. Robert Murray, proprietor of the Up-to-Date barber shop, on W. Main street, is visiting Sheperdsville, Ky., but will return for his regular work before Saturday....Mr. H. Hall, proprietor of the most up-to-date tailor shop of the city, is carrying on considerable business, turns out some of the best clothing, pressing and tailoring of the city....Mr. Ed Hall, the fast pitcher, is visiting the city, but returns Sunday afternoon....Rev. H. Carter thenoted evangelist, is holding a revival at the Elm Street church at present. He will be here the remainder of the week....All who would like to have the Freeman can call at 1026 W. Fifth street, Owensboro, Ky. (Special delivery.) Lawrence W. Dix, agent.

CENTRALIA, ILL.

R. G. L. Bishop Blackwell on his circuit, stopped here last Saturday and on Sunday morning at the M. E. Zion church, gave one of the ablest sermons the Centralians have heard....The M. P. C. Club will hold their annual banquet soon, and it promises to be a grand affair....Mrs. L. Perkins Campbell is here visiting her aunt, Mrs. McKiney, who is on the sick list....The members of the Bethel A. M. E. church gave an entertainment. There was a large attendance....Mr. J. McKiney celebrated his thirty-first birthday on April 9th. Mr. J. McKiney is preparing himself for steam engineering. That is right, be somebody....Misses E. Hedgeman, Mrs. M. Porter, Messrs. McKiney and E. Johnson were out buggy riding on Palm Sunday. Yes, Mr. E. Johnson is a young man, and is well fixed to entertain the ladies. He has bought him a horse and new buggy and the flowers are beginning to bloom fast....There was a birthday party at the home of Miss Lotta Skinner and a grand entertainment was given in honor of her seventeen birthday. Thirty couples were present. Games and music and also refreshments of all kinds were given. A penny hunt was given. Mr. Hammon Calaway won the prize for finding the most pennies. Refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Miss Lottie Campbell. Many presents were received. After late hour the guests departtd, wishing her many happy birthdays....Mrs. A. Taylor has gone to Browersville, Tex., to visit relatives. Mr. A. Taylor is manager at opera house here....The members of the Second Baptist church are preparing and collecting money for the purpose of buying a bell for their church....Miss Polly Hester is cook at Mr. C. Mosley's restaurant.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Sabbath was a clear one and in large crowds the church goers attended the places of worship, and the divines made clear in an eloquent manner the delivery of the various sermons, and the choirs sang some choice selections. The music pleasantly captured the hearers....2:30 p. m. the Thanksgiving services proclamation and the annual sermons in which the cleebration of the anniversary of the K. of P. and order of Calantha, and was favored with a large and attentative audience. The choir sang most delightfully to enliven the eventful occasion, the ladies presenting a beautiful appearance. The uniform was very grand as the marching was real unique in its display and drew the public's attention because of its accuracy in military skill as they entered the auditorium. The address of welcome by W. J. Thompson, M.D., was exceedingly fine, full of profound and practical thought of the grandeur of this noble fraternity. Mr. J. M. Easterling, with a bit of humor and excellent words, responded. The annual sermon was delivered by Rev. J. H. Welch, D.D., pastor Warren A. M. E. church, and it was a most powerful and interesting discourse in which he held the entire audience spellbound. He reached the climax of his greatness in sermonizing on fraternities, it may be fittingly said....W. L. Ruffin, M.D., Uniontown, Ala., is in the city visiting friends, the guest of Rev. E. Moore. We wish him a most pleasant stay in our historic city....Mrs. F. A. Alexander, who recently had an operation, is improving nicely, and the operation was successful indeed....Prof. Richard B. Harrison, the famous Shakespearean dramatic reader of the Negro race, was greeted with an intelligent and an appreciative audience at the Wiley Memorial M. E. church, Rev. E. H. Forest, D.D., pastor, a few evenings ago, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., Mr. S. S. Brooks, general secretary. He presented with great skill and originality the rarest and richest literary feats that it has ever been the good fortune of this people, with a high degree of racial pride, to listen to, and in its reception he has made a deep impression upon the minds of the hearers as a wonderful genius, in his act as an impersonator of humanity in real life. He is placed among the masters in classic literature, as a picturesque delineator of high culture and may it not be said as yet, he has reached the zenith of his glorious career as an artist upon the dramatic stage. His was a thrilling success in his own personal interpretation of "The Raven," "Merchant of Venice," and a king in the production of Dunbar's works, to the entire gratification of this highly pleasing audience, who loudly showered the actor with words of praise. Hs stands in the broad glare of day in his profession as an artist of the highest type, as a beacon light of the stellar universe, a great phenomena as a dramatic reader. He electrifies and charms the audience and bestirs them to the highest degree of admiration for this art as demonstrated by him. He seeks to impart such gems of instruction as will be readily accepted by the seekers of the art. Many his years be many to that end that this art be the mightiet of its kind and he behold it as the lofties mountain peak, that we all, with admiration, may still gaze upon it. Prof. W. J. Hale, principal Tennessee State Normal and Industrial School, paid Prof. Harrison a high tribute of praise as an actor....The grand carnival all this week with fine attractions....The K. G. Barkoot World's Greatest Show (white) is in the city under the auspices of the Masonic fraternities (colored). The proceeds are to go for the erection of the Masonic hall....The Medical Association will soon meet in our historic city, to share its hospitalities, combined with nature's grand sight seeing.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. W. DeLyons, of Hamlyn avenue, is slowly improving, but we trust she will fully recover....Mrs. James T. Buckner, accompanied by Miss Georgia Briggs, attended the funeral of Mrs. Woods at Kalamazoo last Wednesday....The Willing Workers will meet in the church parlors every Wednesday....The A. M. E. church will observe Easter Sunday services, morning at 11:00, afternoon 3:00, evening 7:00. All are invited to attend....Mr. and Mrs. Simons and Mr. Brown, of Kalamazoo, Sundayed in the city the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Gains....Mrs. Richard Warren, Corwin street, entertained the church Aid Society last Friday. The next meeting will be at Mrs. H. Kimball....Mrs. Estella Watkins, of Detroit, who has been sick with inflammatory rheumatism, is improving rapidly....Mrs. James L. McGruder, who has had an attack of lagrippe, is much better at this writing....Mr. Dan Bolden, of Zanesville, O., is visiting his relatives of this city, and is stopping with Mr. N. Curtis, his nephew. His relatives gave a surprise party on him at the home of Mrs. Byrd, 221 McCamley street. Though the old gentleman is old in age, he is young in action. A few well chosen remarks were given by Rev. T. C. Johnson, of Kalamazoo, of which J. L. McGruder responded. Miss Ethel McGruder has returned after a short sojourn in Chicago....Miss Eva Curtis has also returned from the windy city and reports a fine time....Mr. Williams, of Mott, who was called to New Orleans on account of the illness of his mother, has returned, reporting her much better....On Friday evening, April 7, Oriental Lodge No. 3645 G. U. O. O. F. entertained Rosedale Lodge Household of Ruth. The evening was spent in music and speaking. Everybody reports a good time. These meetings are to be held once a month....Mrs. Cora Davis, of Kalamazoo, Mich., was the guest of Mrs. J. H. Holmes, 194 So. McCamley street....Suring is now here and Mr. J. H. Holmes and Mr. George Toles are buying new fishing tackle, a sure sign....The ladies are hoping that the 16th of April will be a fine day, as the 9th was, you know why....Louis Wesley, of the Post Tavern, leaves for Omaha, Neb., soon....Mr. Wm. Johnson, of Henderson, Ky., is now at the Post Tavern....Mrs. Walter Tyler, of Liberty street, who has been on the sick list, is able to be out again....The musicale concert given by the Court of Canathe, was a success. All report a good time. Music was furnished by Miss Ethel Tucker and Mrs. Emma Tyler....Have your five cents ready when the agent calls. Erie McGruder. Send your items to 223 So-McCamley street.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Friday afternoon the 333 C's Club pleasantly surprised Mrs. Patton, one of its members, who has bene indisposed for some time, with an indoors picnic. After the routine of business had been finished they all passed to the dining room, where all the repast they had brought was placed on the table, and all enjoyed themselves. They adjourned hoping an early recovery for Mrs. Patton....Mrs. Emily Aikens, of Decatur, who has been the guest of Mrs. George Thomas of 114 W. Willow street, Normal, Ill., has returned to her home. While in the city quite a few social functions were given in her honor, one of which was a luncheon given Wednesday at 1:30 at the home of Mrs. Pearle Anderson, 1114 W. Olive street....Mrs. Lillian Lashley has returned from Little Rock, Ark....Mr. Walter Babb has returned from Hot Springs....Mrs. Hattie Rush entertained the Women's Club Tuesday evening at her residence, 309 S. East street. An elaborate luncheon was served. New officers were elected for the year as follows: Mrs. Harris, president; Miss M. D. Wilson, vice-president; Mrs. David Moore, secretary; Miss L. M. Wilson, chaplain....The Blue Ribbon Club entertained at the residence of Mrs. Minnie Anson, 219 E. Market street. It was quite a success, with a large attendance. Luncheon was served. This is one of the A. M. E. church's clubs and its members are willing workers.

COLUMBUS, GA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Gone but not forgotten. For thou hast built a monument upon the sands of time that shall forever stand in the hearts of the people. John Bailey departed this life April 5, 1911, after a few weeks' illness, leaving relatives and friends of the Sixth Avenue Baptist church to mourn his loss. For over thirty years he has been deacon, clerk and superintendent of the Sunday school. Hundreds were present at the funeral, which was preached by Rev. Hutcherson, of Hurtsboro, Ga. Solo, and duets were the musical numbers rendered, much to the credit of all, and addresses were made by prominent white citizens. The remains were laid to rest in Riverdale cemetery under a wreath of flowers to rise with healing in his wing. Miss Dovie Lou William presented a most beautiful wreath of flowers in behalf of the Sunday school at the funeral Thursday....Miss Mamie Porter has returned to her home on Macon street from a most delightful visit to Birmingham much to his delight....Send your children to Mont. Calvary Baptist College and they will learn their A B C's....Burnest Adams is ill on Magnolia street, 822....Mrs. Addie Lyas is on the mend again....Mrs. Robt. Browne, of 4 Macon street, will leave in a few days to visit her mother and also attend the commencement at Talladega Ala....See Robt. Browne at the union depot and get a copy of the Freeman Saturday evening.

MEREDIAN, MISS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Dr. L. R. Young, our worthy physician and surgeon, left Saturday night, April 8th, for Washington, D. C., and other northern cities to be gone about a week. We wish him a pleasant trip....Mrs. Callie Crawford, who died on April 3rd, was buried at New Hope Baptist church on the 5th, at 11:30 a. m. Rev. F. R. Benjamin offered the openeing prayer. Rev. S. D. Hyman and J. M. Brooks paid beautiful tributes to the deceased. She was 65 years old and had been a member of the Baptist church 40 years. Rev. Spencer, of Calvary Baptist church, offered the closing prayer, which was very fervent. She was buried at the Masonic cemetery under the auspices of the Ladies Independent Christian Aid and the Household of Ruth, under a bank of beautiful flowers. The white casket was almost covered with different kind of flowers. Peace to her ashes....Dr. Wayne Howard, of Demospolis, Ala., has been visiting his brother, Dr. E. E. Howard, on 26th avenue and 12th street....Quite a number of people went up from Meridian to Marion on the 6th to attend the installation of the Masonic Lodge of that place, namely, Dr. D. W. Sherrod, master of ceremonies; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lagrove, T. J. Wilson, Mesdames C. B. Hyman and Bettie Hogan, and others. We learn that they had a very nice time at the little town....Mr. Joe Collie died in Meridian April 5th. He was taken to Bibby Valley, Miss, where he was buried on the 6th. Mr. Thomas J. Wilson who has been sick his home in the west end, died on April 5th. He was buried at Masonic cemetery on the 6th. He leaves a number of children and other relatives to mourn his death. Rev. Spencer, of Calvary Baptist church, officiated. Peace to his ashes....Mr. F. M. Mercer has been talking insurance at Greenville, Miss., the past week....Rev. L. S. Lee, of New Hope Baptist church, Rev. J. T. Flinn, of Mt. Zion Baptist church, Rev. W. M. Hian, of E. Bethel Baptist church, and Rev. Spencer of Calvary Baptist church are in the midst of a soul-stirring revival at their different churches. We hope that great good will be done in their meetings....Mr. W. L. Hibbler had a stroke of paralysis on April 6th. He is better at this writing....Dr. C. T. Tully, of Hattiesburg, Miss., has charge of Dr. W. B. Block's office during his vacation....Mr. oJnes, of Greenville, Miss., was a visitor to Meridian on April 10th....Hon. J. C. Hill has been in bad health the past several weeks....Mrs. T. J. Wilson gave a fine lecture at New Hope Baptist church Sunday night, April 9th.

MT. VERNON, OHIO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Lizzie Simmons, Mr. Oliver Ivy, Mr. Frank Turner and Mr. B. Smith attended the dance at Newark, O., April 3, given by the K. of P. Lodge....Miss Elizabeth Whitler, of Pittsburg, Pa., has accepted a position in our city....Mr. Jesse Peterson and his little son William are seriously ill with pneumonia....Mr. Jerry Plummer, who recently accepted a position as porter on Band O, is critically ill with pneumonia at Newark, O....Mr. and Mrs. Clem Towns of Howard, O., spent Sunday visiting relatives and friends....Charles Hollingsworth, who is employed at C. & G. Cooper's works, fell down an elevator shaft a distance of 25 feet, on a load of pig-iron, and was only slightly about the head. He was able to go to work the next morning....Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stevens have moved from E. Gambier street to 206 W. Front street....Get the habit and read The Freeman and you will ge all the news....Mrs. Charles Hamilton and her daughter Edith and Mrs. Hattie Perry are still on the sick list....Miss Beulah Jones is able to be out again, after a week's illness....Club No. 2 of the A. M. E. Church, Mrs. Chancey Mayle chaplain, realized $121.95 from their bazaar, luncheons and old folks' concerts during the month of March, and they thank the public and also the ladies throughout the country who sent aprons to help make it a success....Calvary Baptist Church services Sunday at the regular hours, with Sunday School at 2:00 p. m., were well attended last Sunday. The communion was observed at 3:00 p. m., and Rev. A. B. McWilliams preached at 7:00 p. m....Rev. J. M. Tate, pastor of Wayman's Chapel A. M. E. Church, delivered a fine sermon Sunday to an appreciative audience....Twentieth Century Club assembled at the residence of Mrs. J. M. Tate, W. Walnut street, on the afternoon of April 10. Needle work of different kinds was engaged in, and a fine luncheon was served.

TOLEDO, OHIO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Josie Ron, of 306 Belmont avenue, who has been sick for several months, is improving very slowly....Miss Jones, of Ann Arbor, Mich., who has been teaching in the South the past winter, stopped off in Toledo on her way home for vacation, last Friday. She was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hill, of Toledo.....Take notice there will be a baby show given at the A. M. E. church on April 24th. Best looking baby gets a prize. The Warren A. M. E. church is on South Erie street, Toledo. Rev. Lee, pastor; Mrs. F. H. Randall, captain....Mrs. Emma Robinson, of Enright street, is improving very slowly. We did not think she would be ready to go back to tip writing for the club in a few weeks, but it will be seevral weeks before she is able.

PIQUA, OHIO.

The Johnson Thomas minstrel certainly made a great hit to a packed house Monday night. The leading figure in the company is John Johnson, who provided the fun of the show, but he was not the whole show, because Andrew Thomas came in for his share of the funmaking, and busk and wing dancing. Andrew Thomas is the brother of the famous Dyke Thomas. Leslie Wall certainly can sing, in fact all the boys did play their parts well. Jones and Rodgers and the quartet from Urbana was repeatedly encored. It was the best of its kind ever gotten up in Piqua. The last is the matinee Wednesday afternoon and Wednesday night....Mrs. Margaret Gross highly entertained the Embroidery Club at the home of Mrs. Ester Hynes. Refreshments were served. The rooms were decorated in red carnations. Mrs. Geo. Bowles was a guest at the club and gave a talk on the Federation of Women's Clubs....Mr. J. H. Anderson, one of the leading Masons of the state, and a 33rd degree Mason, was in Cincinnati Sunday attending a meeting of the order....Mrs. Alfred Gibson, of Cleveland, spent Tuesday evening in Piqua with Mrs. Ward Rial and attended Johnson Thomas Minstrels....James Collins, of Greenville, O., was a Piqua visitor for a few hours. The great Buderwolf revival is in progress. All of the churches of the city, also the Park Avenue Baptist, Rev. P. Everett pastor, Cyrene A. M. E., Rev. J. A. Collins pastor, have united their forces to combat sin.

LIMA, OHIO.

Mr. G. W. Simmons was injured last week by a runaway horse....Mr. Louis Nelson's condition still remains critical....Mr. James Barnes has sold his barber shop to Mr. Wm. Boyd....The Easter ball that was to be given the 21st of April has been postponed until the 4th of May....Mrs. Mary Lyles, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. L. Young, has returned to her home in Sabina Sunday....Mr. oJseph Herman is to open a dancing hall in his building, corner of Nye and Elm streets, in the near future....Easter services will be rendered at both churches Sunday....A special program was rendered at the Baptist church last Sunday evening....Wm. Young spent a pleasant Sunday visiting relatives and friends in Columbus last Sunday....Mr. H. Hart has taken a party to Chicago in his auto....Freeman on sale at Stewart barber shop, corner of Main and Spring streets.

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Avery and Hart at the Hammerstein Theater, New York, this week.

oJnes and Gillman this week at the Crystal Theater, Hamilton, Ont.

Billy and Louise Kersands at the Star theater, Augusta, Ga., Easter Monday.

Cooper and Robison are at the Fifth Avenue Theater, New York, this week.

P. G. Lowery, of Johnson and Lowery's Big Annex, left Leavenworth, Kan., for Peru, Ind.

Tim Owsley is now connected with the Southern vaudeville circuit. J. D. Joel, manager, Atlanta, Ga.

Little Johnny Jones and Eva Moore played Wheeling, W. Va., week of April 10th; Pittsburg week of 17th.

The bill at the Crown Garden, Indianapolis this week is very good. Fine audiences during the entire week.

Big Annex of Johnson and Lowery opened at Leavenworth, Kan., Monday. It was the hit of the Parker Shows.

Kid Carl recently closed. Clemo, Carl & Clemo is in Toledo scoring a success singing "Lovey Joe" at the Fashion Cafe.

Anatole Victor leaves Saturday for Peru, Ind., to join P. G. Lowery's Enterprise with the Wallace-Hagenbach circus.

Morse & Ray now playing their twenty-seventh week through the New England states. Playing ninth week in Boston.

The Lone Star Quartet at Piqua, O., this week. Personnel: Chester Williams, Fred Tobarn, Verden Stanhope, Homer Roberts.

Robt. Ellis with the Henry Jones and Sue Wiley Minstrels at Grand Central theater, Dallas, Texas, says he is making a double hit.

Hodges and Launchmere Colored Opera Company of fourteen people will be seen this summer at a prominent place of amusement in New York City.

Logan Kitchen passed through the city this week enroute to Vernona, Pa., to join H. L. Rawle's Annex Band with the Howe's Great London Shows.

The Black Patti Company are playing at the Holliday Street Theater, Baltimore, Md., this week. Next week at the Grand Opera House, Boston, Mass.

Kelley and Davis, with a new act, made quite an impression at the Crescent Theater, New York, last week. The new act seems as funny as the old one.

Frank Montgomery, of the Dixie Players, is at the Houston Theater, Louisville, this week. Montgomery is making good. He is giving Bert Williams quite a rub.

Miss Mamie Carter, of the Georgia Campers, playing at the Empire this week, was a caller a he Freeman office. Miss Carter was formerly a member of the Black Patti Troubadours.

Allen and Milton were in Indianapolis last Tuesday enroute from Knightstown, Ind., where they had great success at the Superba theater. Been having success all through Ohio and Indiana.

Irving Brown, violinist and trombone player, passed through the city Tuesday, enroute to Verona, Pa., to join Prof. H. L. Rawles's band, with the Howe's Great London Shows, which opens there today.

Walter E. Hinson, of Louisville, Ky., will come to the city Monday to spend a few days, enroute to Zanesville, O., for rehearsal with Prof. R. Roy Pope's concert band, which begins in that city Saturday April 22.

Milton H. Everett, formerly with Mme. Herman, and Robert Gray, formerly with Nat Wills, presented a large illusionary act entitled "Mysteries" at the Dewey Theater, New York, recently and were well received.

"The Struggle," a race drama will be presented at the Berkeley Theater, New York, on April 28, for the benefit of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Miss Marie Jackson will play the leading role.

The team of Pugh & Pugh closed at the Lagman theater, Mobile, Ala., April 1st, and opened at the Acme theater, Meridian, Miss., on April 3rd. The team is still making good. The people are well pleased with their funny sketches.

William E. Jones, the versatile singer of popular songs, entertained a theatrical party in East New York Thursday and scored immensely with the songs, "Some of These Days," "All I Ask Is Love," and "Dixie Gray," the march song hit.

At the Wizard theater, Norfolk, Va., first half of last week: Chas. H. Lewis, T. W. Wilson, Dick Murphy, Homer Bynam, Wm. Rainey, Gertrude Rainey, Bessie Johnson, Bessie Wilson, Bishop Brown and Edna Barrett. "The Wilds of Arizona" was put on with success.

Mae Hicks is in her tenth week at the Broadway Theater, New York, with the Henpeck Company. She is playing the part of a dusky belle and has the distinction of being the only colored member of the cast. Miss Hicks makes her appearance in the barbershop scene and is well received.

The T. P. A. Club of Tuscaloosa, Ala., gave a show at the Masonic hall the evening of March 29th. Those taking part were the Baker Bros., Taylor and Kemp, Idel Anderson, Mrs. O. B. Robinson, Jim Collins. They did feature work and specialties with success. The songs were well rendered.

Prof. Eph Williams' famous Troubadours band: Sam White, tuba; J. W. Craddock, baritone; Jerry Martin, third trombone; Geo. Israel, second trombone; Jesse Reeves, first trombone; E. J. Elliott, third alto; Ed Miller, second alto; W. Goff Kennedy, first alto; Fred Goodwin, piccolo; Arthur Cox, clarinet; R. J. Mitchell, first B flat cornet; R. H. Collins, solo cornet; F. S. Perdonna, E flat cornet; Thos. E. Price, snare drum; Nelson Green, bass drum; R. J. Anderson, bandmaster.

STAR THEATER, AUGUSTA, GA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

McNeil & McNeil are still in Augusta, Ga., at the Star theater. Mr. McNeil has charge of the stage. S. R. O. sign hangs out all the week. The roster is as follows: Porter & Porter, Mrs. R. Desdemonia McNeil and Merry Howard.

Been making good and now closed to play a return date in Beaufort, S. C. Boyd & Boyd (Al and Stella) are on the bill. They are pleasing people. The famous Billy and Louise Kersands will open here Easter Monday.

The Pewees have several more weeks at the Pekin Theater, Savannah, Ga., and they are a decided hit. Mr. Charles Pewee had to retire from the bill Friday night on account of illness, but will resume his juggling act this week.

HOUSTON TEATER, LOUISVILLE, KY.

Frank Montgomery and his Dixie Stock Company open here in Louisville to crowded houses every night. Standing room only, and without a doubt it is the best show that has been ehre at popular prices. His impersonation of Mr. Williams is grand. Mr. Woodring, his straight man, is very active, good singer and a graceful dancer. The chorus is fine. Miss Maud Hudson and chorus sang "Kinky." The show as a whole is grand and the talk in Louisville is have you been to the Houston.

DUNBAR THEATER, COLUMBUS, OHIO.

Opened Monday, April 3rd, to fair business with Lewis & Lewis in a "College Banquet." It was a scream. We had rain for five nights, but that did not stop the people from coming out. The show was well received and above all it was a clean show, and I am sure we are going to do well. The cast: Geo. and Mattie Lewis, W. B. White, H. Kidd Love and wife, Alberta Perkins, Josie Graham, Pinkie Cooper, John Smedley, Walter Lamore. The ghost walks every Monday. Henderson & Henderson and Carrie Hall open Monday, April 10th.

PROF. R. ROY POPE'S CONCERT BAND BEGIN REHEARSAL APRIL 22.

Prof. R. Roy Pope will leave the city Thursday for Zanesville, O., where he will begin the rehearsal of his concert band Saturday morning, April 22, preparatory for their opening of the tented season of the Ringling Bros. World's Greatest Shows, April 26. This is the only show of its kind and the first to feature a colored concert band, eliminating entirely minstrel and plantation parts.

Prof. Pope has carefully selected all musicians of the best quality, who will make a first-class organization. He will feature an instrumetnal quartet, composed of Messrs. P. A. Venable, Walter Hinson, Edward Wisdom and Fred D. Owens. Mr. Preston Duncan, of Baltimore, Md., a graduate of a Boston school of music, will be the cornet soloist.

In this new venture Prof. Pope has the best wishes of his friends, especially those of his home town. He is the youngest bandmaster on the road and with the largest, up-to-date show in the world.

WILLIAM H. HACKNEY MAKES HIS CHICAGO BOW IN A SONG RECITAL.

Madame Minnie Adams and Kemper Harreld Share Honors With the Star.

(By Sylvester Russell.)

A good sized audience, whose patience should have been exhausted, waited until nine o'clock for the substance of a treat that was promised at 8:30. The summary of the Hackney recital was an evening of art for art teaching gleaned from what was heard.

William Hackney, with a liberal amount of nevrousness, rendered "Comfort Ye My People" from "The Messiah," "Song of the Soul" and "Wandering Knight."

The second group of songs consisted of "I'll Sing the Song of Araby," his best song, which was rendered most affectively. There were two other small numbers.

Of the last group there were five small songs in pianissimo, "My Peace Thou Art" being the best.

Mr. Hackney as a tenor singer is gifted with a sweet voice, but is of light quality. Some of his songs, though well rendered, were ill chosen, an dhis articulation, which was generally good, lacked ardor and accented force.

Madame Adams, prima donna soprano, sang "Love is a Bubble" and other selections from "Hiawatha." Her work in general was good. As a singer Mme. Adams possesses a perfect tone and sweetness. Her voice has quality above the local sopranos.

Kemper Harreld, the violinist, was in better form than usual. His rendition of "Adagio" again proved that he is the best young violinist of his race.

Several musical people were present, among whom were Mrs. Martha Broadus Anderson, Abbie Mitchell, Marie Burton, Hattie S. Claybrook, Lloyd G. Gibbs, George Garner, Prof. Pedro Tinsley, C. Elgar and Frank L. Gaie.

The concert was under the management of William A. ohnson.

The accompanists were Ada L. Mitchell and Theodore Taylor.

Mr. Hackney is to sing the title role in Coleridge Taylor's "Hiawatha" in costume at Kansas City, early in May, and Harry T. Burleigh, the baritone, of New York, will also be in the cast.

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Enormous Show at the New Grand.

An all-star show opened with McKissick and Shadney at the head, at the New Grand Monday evening. Mr. McKissick is a good comedian and Miss Shadney a fine soprano singer.

Perrin and Crosby returned in their musical comedy act, and their work was good.

Johnson and Rector, a new team, made their first appearance, and their act was very well taken.

The Shattuck Four was a feature of the bill, and their singing was practical and harmonious.

Campbell and Warfield returned after an absence of ten months and were welcomed. Their comedy work was all that could be asked.

A Johnson-Jeffries fight was the best thing on the bill, especially when Jeffries gets knocked out, he lays on his back and kicks up his heels.

The orchestra is in fari shape.

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Brown and Lowry Return to the Monogram.

Brown and Lowry, expert banjo manipulators, opened at the Monogram on Monday night. Their work was fine, interspersed with bits of comedy.

The Clippers were again prime favorites and their work was fully up to the standard.

Miss Corrine Brown, a female baritone, made her first appearance and captivated the audience with her singing.

Merriweather and Brown opened with a good line of comedy, and were well appreciated.

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At the Baby Grand.

The Honey Bunch Minstrels was the attraction, with oJe Simms as the particular star. The company made good with their singing and dancing. Tme new orchestra is better than ever.

The Era Quartet is again in the city.

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The C. V. B. A. Bulletin is out one column larger in size. The Colored Vaudeville Benevolent Association is in no way connected with an entertainment billed under their name. They consider it an intrusion.

Shelton Brooks is now working alone on the north side. He has an offer to go with "My Friend from Dixie."

Harrison Emanuel, violinist, will appear at Kimball Hall, Wabash avenue and aJckson boulevard, on Wednesday evening, April 19.

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Wilson and Cumby are now prime favorites in the East.

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Miss Warneta Wilson is making a hit as a soubret at the Little Savoy this week.

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The Windy City Quartet has returned from engagements in Illinois and Iowa.

May Irwin is a favorite among the white stars, but Eva Tanguay at the Majestic is the idol of the hour.

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The Twin City Daily Telegram of Decatur, Ala., says that Mme. Patti Brown possesses one of the sweetest soprano voices on the stage today.

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An amatuer minstrel performance and dance will be given at Oakland Music Hall next Monday night.

The Pekin Theater will open Monday night with "Lost Paradise" by a white company.

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Funeral of Richard R. Matthews, Jr.

The funeral of Richard Russell Matthews, Jr., a promising young actor, took place Friday morning at his alte residence at State and 33rd streets. Rev. French, of the Christian Church, conducted the services. His father made a statement that his son had made his peace with God.

A father, mother, and several brothers and sisters survive. The deceased was formerly an Elk and a members of the Goats, an actors' association. Several prominent members of the Goats were present at the funeral services.

The interment of the body took place at Oak Hill cemetery.

Mr. Matthews was once a partner of Gene Liggins and Billy Cumby.

He was greatly loved by all his many friends.

STEWART & MARSHALL.

Fourteen Minutes in "One"—Singing and Talking.

The Indianapolis public has at last seen Stewart and Marshall at the Grand Opera House in Indianapolis. This is one of the most clever duos in vaudeville since the days of Williams and Walker.

Their jokes are great, and the team deserves much credit for they confine their efforts strictly to Negro comedy.

This team is eligible to star in any legitimate comedy production. There is no limit to their scope of practicability.

Sincerely yours
Harrison Stewart
Stewart & Marshall

HARRISON STEWART.

MATT MARSHALL.

Stewart and Marshall are undoubtedly winners in their line of work.

LEAVENWORTH, KAN.

Johnson and Lowery's Musical Annex.

Johnson & Lowery's musical annex with the Great Parker Shows opens the week of April 10th. We are the only people in side show business under strictly colored management. The show carries twenty-five people, band and orchestra. The roster consists of following: R. Johnson, manager; J. L. Davis, band leader; Carl Travis, assistant leader; Wm. Lee, orchestra leader; Doc Ford, stage manager; W. A. Bruce, assistant stage manager; J. Davis, cornet; C. Davis, cornet; W. A. Wallace, trombone; Doc Ford, alto; Wm. Lee, alto; R. F. Martin, baritone; C. B. Miller, clarinet; Harry Murray, snare drum; W. A. Bruce, bass drum; J. Wallace, tuba; Doc Ford and W. A. Bruce, extreme ends; R. F. Martin and Carl Travis, second ends; R. L. Jones and W. A. Smith, third ends; Blanche Beechum, interlocter; Jennie Gallie, soubrette; Etta Walker, soubrette; Eva B. Prince, soubrette; Sig J. Arcaris and wife, impalement act; J. E. Edwards, mimic; Condonna, musical act. Madame Zouza, snake charmer. Our car "Dixie" is the swellest car carried on the road for colored performers under canvas. They occupy the entire car, which consists of three state rooms, one for the ladies exclusively.

OCMULGEE PARK, MACON, GA.

By James DeCosta.

Douglass & Worthys Florida Blossom Co., under canvas, with two cars, laid off here, this being their headquarters, and rehearsed and strengthened up their show in general under the guidance and directorship of Mr. Lonnie Fisher, who has been connected with this show some time as its stage manager. Although Mr. Fisher has been doing vaudeville, this past season with a trio known as Fisher's Trio, composed of Miss Sarah Williams, Miss Rebecca (Mama Dinks) Simmons and himself. Prof. Walter Childs is band and orchestra leader. This is a young man in age and experience, but it is plain to be seen that he is a real leader, and has the best band of its size, fourteen pieces, I ever heard.... Maxwell, the magician, who has been playing in and around Macon for the past five weeks, left this week on an extended tour northward. He is being advanced and managed by James W. DeCosta....Chas. Collier, manager of Ocmulgee Park, is awful busy now getting the beautiful park ready for its opening which is Easter Sunday. He claims he has turned the theater over absolutely to the Russell-Owens-Brooks Stock Co., as they are able to run it, and on account of personally looking after so many concessions and his business in the city, all his time will be well taken. Manager Collier is expecting the largest attendance this season of any in the history of the park....Things will be lively in dear old Macon this summer as the Russell-Owens-Brooks Stock Co. will be at the park. This company comes to Macon with the best of reference for their shows and deportment as well. It is claimed by many who have seen them that there is nothing playing colored houses like them. It is advertised that they will offer a new show every week. Well, if they produce a new show every week up to and after Labor Day in September, then there will be no doubt of their having the largest repertoire of plays of any like organization in the country, and we will take off our hats to the clever members of their company for learning these many shows. Those that are advertised to appear are Speedy Smith, Tommie Parker, Sam Gray, Willie Glenn, Tommie Fairchild, Pauline Crampton, Theresa Burroughs, Alice Russell, Blanche Thompson, Ruby Marshall, Cora Glenn, Billy Owens, Bob Russell, Marion Brooks, "Dope" Andrews, Henry W. Paschal and Wiggins & Wiggens (Jack and Lena). If they produce the kind of shows that are claimed of them the Macon people will certainly do their part.

THE TEXAS AMUSEMENT CO., WACO, TEX.

The Amusement Company, of which Prof. M. H. Phillips is general manager, is one of the most up-to-date theaters to be found in the State of Texas. We have a portable stage that hasn't a nail in it and the wings are double and can be changed in a minute, and much credit is due Prof. Phillips, as this was his own idea. S. A. Austin, the producer and comedian, presented a two-act drama entitled "A Tramp's Revenge," and it proved a success in every particular. The cast was as follows:

Richard Prescott, old man....Al. Hutt
Jack Dayton, jnvenile hero...J. Campbell
Gambler Joe, villain.......Ver. Adams
Geo. Williams, detective....G. Williams
Butler John..............John Johnson
Rose Prescott, leading lady........
...........Miss Gretchen Rodgers
Clara Winston, villainess...........
...................Dora Theresa
Box Car oJe, tramp hero....S. A. Austin

Lizzie Adams, Frankie Edwards, Della Watson and John Johnson were the fun makers, and they made the people laugh some. The trio buck and wing dance by Edwards, Adams and Johnson was a hit, and called for several encores, as did the specialty of Watson and Austin.

Little Frankie Edwards has made herself a favorite with the Waco people; in fact, we have a company that is hard to beat.

Miss Rodgers, our leading lady, is surely a fine talker, and she can sing, too, for she has a sweet voice and a good appearance.

esse Campbell is all the talk, as everyone is remarking about the little brown-skin man who parts his hair in the middle; but somehow esse seems to have Friday as a onah day, as luck seems to be aaginst him on this day. You see, he is an expert shot, and while out hunting he aimed at a deer, but missed him and killed a mocking bird, which he presented to the county judge.

The orchestra is there with the goods, being under the direction of Prof. Ver. Adams, piano; Dee ohnson, assistant piano; Al. Hutt, cornet; Elmo Warner, trombone, and George Williams, traps.

All of the bunch read The Freeman, and are glad to get it.

English and Brown please write as your address was lost.

Regards to all.

S. A. AUSTIN.

CINCINNATI THEATERS— THE PEKIN, THE GAITHER

The Pekin opened Monday night with a nice clean bill. Miss Lucy Shepherd was the curtain raiser and scored as usual with a bunch of good songs. Earl Hunter, who was here a few months ago, follows with a very strong act. This is the first time that the patrons of the Fifth street houses have had a chance to see Hunter work by himself and he was highly appreciated. William & Crosby (George Williams, formerly of the team of Smart & Williams and Odessa Crosby, of this city) have a nice act that closes the bill. This team bids fair to become one of the sensations of the vaudeville stage. Williams is as funny as ever, and scores at each performance when he sings "Any Old Way You Cook Chicken," is good enough for me. Miss Crosby who is always a hit wherever she appears, is receiving several encores when she sings her favorite composition, "Sassy Ray." The management have held over Baby Jim as a special attraction and he is one of the best drawing cards of the season. Baby Jim is 23 years old, and was born in Beaumont, Texas. At birth he only weighed three pounds. Today he tips the beam at seven hundred and ninety-three pounds, measures nine feet and three inches around the waist, wears a number 24 collar and it takes nine yards of goods to make him a shirt. He is considered to be one of the biggest living human beings before the American public today. He walks out on the stage and moves around with perfect east. His brother travels with him and gives an interesting lecture with each performance.

At the Gaither the Goodloe Southern Belle Stock Company have produced another one of their funny sketches for the week. The personality of the company has not changed at all. Miss Ella Goodloe has a nice part and fills it nicely. She makes a nice appearance on the stage and her song, "The Dying Rag," was one of the greatest hits ever made in this city. Mr. Goodloe furnishes the comedy and is a big favorite in this city. Scott & Crosby are screaming them with their neat act. The entire company are making good and it looks as though they will never tire of them.

STAGE STRUCK GIRLS' LETTERS TO FRANK HENDON

Dear Hendon—Is Adia Overton Walker a co-star?—Belladonna.

A.—I don't know a—bout the "co," but she is some star. "That's why they call her Shine."

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Dear Hendon—I'm a stage-struck girl who is expecting a job with a carnival company. One of my old beaus is to be the stage manager and also do the paying off. He says if I don't call him mister, especially on pay days, I'll never see any dough.—Etta.

A.—You silly thing. Why, when the time comes to pay off he'll make a dough (door), then he can't make you call him mister; but I'm sure you will miss him.

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Dear Hendon—Me and my hubby have just started in the show business. We have only one trunk, and he's always putting a bottle of gingerale right in with my clothes. The horrid stuff seeps through the cork and ruins one-tenth of my fashionable gowns. Now, Hendon, you know you men are like babies, crazy about your bottles; so I'll let him keep the habit, but pray tell me something to use for a stopper instead of a cork.—Cora.

A.—Sure, Cora, communicate with Mr. Burt Murphy, he'll teach you and your hubby how to do things without a cork.

A SAD ACCIDENT.

At Hartsville, South Carolina.

On the morning of April 8th, between the hours of 5 and 6 o'clock, as Prof. Eph Williams' Famous Troubadours was laying on the side track in their two private cars, everybody asleep, the people in the sleeping car were awakened by the cry of fire. All rushed pell mell out of the car with but one thought of self preservation. When on the outside they found that it was not the sleeping car but the baggage car that was in flames. It was tightly closed, as there had been a thunder storm during the night. All the working crew and live stock were in the car, and everybody strained every effort to save the lives of the unfortunates and show property, and with the assistance of seevral citizens and company succeeded in extinguishing the fire, but not before several lives had paid the forfeit, and many seriously wounded. All the dead and wounded were canvasmen. Prof. Eph Williams rendered every assistance possible to the dead and wounded that could be had. Medical attention was procured and he then chartered a special train to take the wounded to the nearest hospital at Sumter, S. C., in company with a corps of physicians and W. H. Baynard. All is gloom around the show in consequence. Notwithstanding this terrible blow the Troubadours opened their doors Monday, April 10th at Florence, S. C., with the loss of only one day. Prof. Eph Williams' loss is about $3,500. Prof. Eph Williams desires very much to make especial mention of seevral citizens who did everything possible to help us out, namely, D. R. Coaker, the leading merchant of Hartsville, S. C., as well as one of the wealthiest men in the state; also Dr. Eggleston, Dr. Polk and Mr. Tatum. These are white gentlemen of the highest integrity and will never be forgotten by the "Troubadours." Belle Robinson, soubrette, and R. J. Mitchell, cornettist, joined since our last writing. The origin of the fire has never been discovered. The relatives, friends and acquaintances of the performers and musicians of the company can rest assured they are all well and all right..

WARNING TO COLORED ARTISTS.

The following article appearing in the "New York Age" was reproduced in "The Player" in its "Theatrical Comments:"

"What is considered the most important conference ever held in the interest of the colored vaudevillian took place last Friday afternoon in the United Booking Offices between E. F. Albee, representing the Vaudeville Managers' Association, and Leon Williams, Charles H. Moore and Lester A. Walton, who appeared for the Colored Vaudeville Benevolent Association.

"The conference was harmonious throughout. Mr. Albee clearly set forth the friendly attitude of the Managers' Association for the colored variety artist, and the representatives of the Colored Vaudeville Benevolent Association defined the aims and objects for which the association was organized. As the result of the meeting the manager and the colored vaudevillian have a better understanding of the other's intents and purposes.

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"The head of the United Booking Offices informed Messrs. Williams, Moore and Walton that it was not necessary for the colored artist to belong to any union in order to secure work; that the managers throughout the country, representing millions of dollars and thousands of theaters, large and small, had effected an organization with a view to protecting their interests, and were opposed to the unionizing of art. Mr. Albee declared that as long as the colored variety artists stood by the managers, they would stand by them. The ultimatum was issued that all artists joining the vion would be blacklisted and could not get work in any of the theaters—large or small.

"E. F. Albee, who is considered the most commanding figure in vaudeville, in referring to last Friday's conference, stated to the dramatic editor of 'The Age' that at the meeting of the Vaudeville Managers' Protective Association last Thursday the overtures being made the colored vaudevillians by the White Rats was thoroughly discussed, and that he was personally delegated to promulgate the declarations of the managers to the colored variety artists.

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"But colored artists beware! Do not trust anything Mr. Albee may promise or anything he may write. Mr. Albee over his own signature in 1907 promised us and agreed with us that there should be an equitable contract issued. He agreed with us that there should be no blacklist. Has he kept those promises?

"Mr. Albee agreed with us in 1908 that artists should not be brought to play Sunday performances from other States. Has he kept that promise? When asked about it by a committee headed by George Evans, a man whom you all know, he replied: 'Business men do not keep promises.' So, beware of Mr. E. F. Albee.

"Ask yourself the question: 'Do I believe that the artists have the interests of other artists more at heart than Mr. E. F. Albee? Does Mr. Albee give you an equitable contract, or does he simply promise to do it? Does Mr. Albee charge you more than 5 per cent.? Does Mr. Albee treat you like he treats all other artists, like dirt, and does he promise that he will not do so? Are you going to be as mad as he is when he attempts to fight the American Federation of Labor?

"Think these things over and do not be misled by a little gentle salve and flattery thrown at three of your members.

"Mr. Albee, it is stated, said that they would blacklist all of the members of the Union. There are now 10,000 members of the White Rats Actors' Union and 2,000 members of the Associated Actresses of America. Are they blacklisted, and how can Mr. Albee tell who is a member of the Union and who is not? But, remember, and store this away at the back of your brain, for these are Mr. Albee's own words:

" 'Business men never keep promises.' "

LOUISVILLE, KY.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Mammy P. Conrad, of Chicago, Ill., was at dinner March 26 at 655 N. Jackson street. The table was beautifully decorated and dinner served in the best of style. Those present: Mrs. Lilliam Miles, Mrs. Anna Mukes, Miss Eva H. Gaddie and Miss Julia Brown. Hostess, Mrs. Octavia Hughes; host, Mr. Harry Hughes.

HELENA, ARK.

The Hays and Brewer Baseball Team Organized.

The Hays & Brewer baseball club will open the 1911 season in Helena, Ark. Mgr. Jake K. Brewer is here now to secure some new players and to organize a team here. Mr. Brewer will be the owner of three of the best, fastest baseball squads in West Tennesees. The Helena club promises to deliver the goods to the Memphis Tigers. The Baldwin of Helena, will open the season here Sunday, April 9, with Hank Ramders. Would like to hear from all professional baseball clubs. Address all letters to Henry Hutchinson, Helena, Ark.

LOUISVILLE CUBS BEAT INDIANAPOLIS WHITE SOX

LOUISVILLE.—The Cubs played opening game with the Indianapolis White Sox. The feature of the game was the hitting of both teams. Martin relieved Sanders in thee ighth, letting the White Sox down without a hit. Circus John caught a good game; Bremr getting two three base hits; Watson and Wallace played a great game. Mr. Ash was introduced by Mr. Slaughter of the Freeman, as the only living one-arm ball player in the world. Next Sunday the Plutos.

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White Sox.....	0	0	2	1	5	2	0	0	0	0	—10
Cubs	0	0	1	2	3	0	2	2	0	1	—11

STRIKES OUT THIRTEEN.

Anderson of Magnets Performs Feat in Five Innings.

The Union Giants defeated the Magnets at Ogden's grove Sunday morning, 9 to 4. Anderson for the Magnets struck out thirteen men in the first five innings. Score:

Union Giants	0	0	2	0	4	0	1	2	0	—9
Magnets	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	—4

Batteries—Alexander and Washington; Anderson and Kohl.

In the afternoon the Union Giants defeated the Northern Lights at Northern Light park, 8 to 5. Score:

Union Giants	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	3	1	—8
Northern Lights ..	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	—5

Batteries—Harvey and Gordon; Goes and Jackson.

April 15-16 the Union Giants will play the Central league team at South Bend, Ind.

STARKVILLE, MISS.

Mr. Eddie Stubbenfields died on last Monday and the remains was carried and buried in West Paint on Wednesday. The deceased was only sick about two weeks. He leaves a wife and one child, also a host of white and colored friends. ....Prof. Green, of Holly Springs, Miss., lectured at the Second Baptist church last Wednesday night. He spoke for one hour and twenty minutes. Mr. Tom Bishop introduced him to the audience in a becoming manner....Rev. W. C. Wicks, of West Point, Miss., was in our city on last week....Mrs. Mary Bell died last Tuesday and was buried at Montgomery cemetery on Wednesday. She leaves her husband and two children. The funeral was preached by Rev. J. W. Winston and it was one of the saddest burials that has been attended in this community for some time....Mr. J. K. Keal, principal of the Pleasant Grove public school, situated nine miles from our city, has a large enrollment of scholars. He teaches primary and advanced grades. The school is progressing nicely and the whole community is well pleased with him. The old colored house caught on fire on last Wednesday but on account of the speedy and quick efforts the children almost put it out before the fire department arrived.... Mrs. Marie Hill and family made a trip on the 31st of March six miles in the country to cotton wedding, given by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rodgers, and they all report a delightful time....Mr. Mirth Gipson, of Louisville, Miss., was united in marriage last Sunday to Miss Elsia Hendricks....Mrs. Henrietta Jones deported to East St. Louis, Ill., on last Saturday....Prof. W. A. Singleton, president C. M. College, of Kosciusko, Miss., gave a grand lecture here at the public school house on Monday night, April 10th....Mr. Dasser Cooks, who has been with us for the last two or three months, departed for Forest City, Ark., on last Sunday....Mrs. Lucinda Perry made a short visit to Sessums, Miss., on last Thursday....Mrs. Drungale departed Monday for Jackson, Tenn., to visit friends and relatives.... Mr. Mac Winston and Bob Barnes made a flying trip to Columbus, Miss., on last Sunday, and they both report a fine trip. ....Mr. B. Warren paid us a short visit on last Sunday....The Freeman always can be found at N. F. Daily store every Saturday.

SELENA, ALA., DOTS.

That death loves a shining mark was demonstrated in the taking off of one of our oldest, yet most respected fellow townsmen. Saturday evening death claimed Mr. Wash Clark, who for a number of years owned and managed the largest livery and feed stable in this section. Mr. Clark was widely known and loved by all who knew him. He was a master hand with horses, yet as kind as could be. He had lived to a ripe old age, yet he never grew old. His remains were buried from Brows Chapel A. M. E. church Sunday with Masonic honors. He leaves a wife, a son, daughter and many friends to mourn his death. Truly a good man has gone....Dr. Musser's three-story building is nearing completion. It is an ornament to lower Broad street....Dr. L. L. Burweer is remodeling his home. When complete it will be a lovely and commodious home....Miss Millie Pettiford, of Byham, spent several days here last week visiting relatives..... The Good Shepherd Society has purchased two thousand acres of land in the western part of the county. This land will be sold and rented to the members of that organization....Green Street Baptist church had a public baptizing last Sunday....Master Duncan Irby is at home on the sick list. He will return to his school at Taladega in a few days....Talladega College team will play Selma University ball team next week....The meetings of the Business League is bearing fruit in many ways....Mr. L. O. Sullivan has recovered his health and can now be found at his up-to-date dry goods store on Franklin street....The Freeman is growing in popularity at this place.

ROUTE.

RICHARDS AND PRINGLE'S MINSTRELS—Week of April 16, Havlin's Theater, St. Louis, Mo.

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Mack, Billy.
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Davis, Miss Henriet
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The Stage.

MY LOVE STAR.

Thou'rt my love, so brightly shining,
Clear as tho' up in the sky;
Yet and still my heart is pining,
Tho' I dare not tell thee why.

Pining, yes, but dreaming sweetly,
Of my love-star night and day,
Tho' my slumber's racked completely
As my heart-string ebbs away.

Longing to be near thee, darling,
For an affectionate interview,
While the echo of a starling
Deigns to coo: "I love but you!"

Hark! I hear my love-star singing:
"Love must meet and love must part"
Secretly, loves glad news bringing,
Joy and rapture to my heart.
—Sylvester Russell.

STAGE NOTES.

Jimmie Dick is at the Airdome in Tampa, Fla. He has charge of the stage.

The Indianapolis show of Ed Lee's will open May 28th, which will also be booked by Mr. Harding.

They are saying that Tim Owsley will appear in stock at the Pekin, Chicago, at an early date. How about it, Tim?

J. Blaine Boyd is managing the theater in connection with the Greenwood Park, Nashville, Tenn. Books through Chas. I. Harding, Central vaudeville circuit.

The great LaShe says: "I open the summer season at a park in which I will mention later, to give one performance daily for seven days on the highest slack wire ever used, distance to be 120 feet. Will close contracts at early date.

Ed Lee has made a special trip from Memphis, Tenn., to Chicago to book the best acts in vaudeville into Memphis, and with the assistance of Mr. Chas. O. Harding, booking agent of Chicago, will be enabled within the next ten days to give all good acts from ten to twelve weeks contracts before they leave Chicago.

The Auditorium, Beaufort, S. C., is still pleasing the people and doing a good business. We opened April 10th with the famous Allens Brass Band in classic and popular music. The Merry Howards, Edwards & Edwards, Mr. James Nelson, the great baritone, Prof. Franceno, the great magician, and Madam Hylda, doing the fire dance. This is undoubtedly the largest bill ever put on by any house of its kind in the entire South.

Mr. Harding also has the Greenwood Park, at Nashville, Tenn., which will be open May 1st. The circuit is arranged so now that a performer will not have to lay off one day; railroad jumps and connections are very short. Mr. Harding has spent several days in getting his route mapped out, and all good performers that wish to play this time, write Mr. Chas. O. Harding, 118 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill.

NOTES FROM THE DUVAL THEATER, ATLANTA, GA.

The present attraction at the Duval Theater, are J. H. Williams and Princess Rajah. They have come to Atlanta to take charge of Mr. C. P. Bailey's new theater, the Central Theater, which opens April 10, and which is to be one of the finest playhouses in the South.

Williams and the Princess Rajah have arranged to put on one of their best productions for the opening bill, and there are fifteen of the best performers engaged, besides twenty chorus people. Included among the performers are such well-known persons as Ransom and Ransom, Kenner, Lewis and Williams, and others.

PASTIME THEATER, ATHENS, GA.

The Pastime Theater is still on the job. Have had nice crowds every night. The Clark Hicks and Clarks trio is here making good with the snakes. Eugene Clark is stage director and he sure is pleasing the public with the shows he is putting on. Joe Clark sure is making a hit of his life with his comedy, tragedy and his own songs. At last, but not not least, Philip Austin Austin (Buster), the Athens favorite, is here and is doing well. This is his third time at the Pastime and he is going just as big now as he did when he was here the first time. Jas. P. Davis is the manager, and he seems to be well pleased with his people, and his people are well pleased with him. The company sends regards to Glenn & Glenn, Jack Wiggins and also the Maceo.

THE FREEMAN AND HARPER TEAM

The team of Freeman & Harper is at the Idle Hour Theater, Macon, Ga., on the week of the 9th of March. Credit is given this team because it delivers fresh goods each week. Comical Geo. Freeman is our stage manager, and is staging what the people of Macon want. The manager Mr. La Dil, is well pleased with his stage manager. He is showing it by seeing that the ghopst walks every Monday. Freeman is assisted by Miss India Allen, Miss Gertrude McDaniels, Miss Effie Means, Miss Susie Hawthorne, Walter Brogsdale, Billie Reeves, Leonard Harper, Geo. Freeman, principal ocmedian, and stage manager. Mr. L. A. Dix, owner, and Mgr. Freeman and Harper send regards to all friends in and out of the porfession. W. F. and little Tommie Woods, Will Gulphport Laften, Budy McGill, Miss Stella Harris and the Goodloes.

THE IVY THEATER, CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

By Wayne W. Burton.

Everybody enjoyed the show last week. We put on "Casey, the Fiddler," which was a very funny sketch, and closed the bill with the "Hen Roost Inspector," which set the audiences wild with laughter.

Miss Maggie Foster sang "All That I Ask is Love."

Carrie Nugent followed with her clever buck and wing dance and made a hit.

H. S. Wosten sang "Linda," and made a good impression upon his hearers.

Mr. Clifton Ross, that droll comedian, was great in his impersonation of Bert Williams in late hours.

The Southern Quartet went big.

Burton and Chatman, those two boys, put on a straight and comedy sketch, entitled "The Nigger Dancer," and closed with "Smiling Moon.". They did a neat clog dance. They were booked here by L. D. Joel. They will be at Pensacola, Fla., soon.

NOTES FROM "EPH WILLIAMS' TROUBADOURS"

MANNING, S. C., April 7.—Nothing succeeds like success; and if crowded houses count for anything, the Williams Troubadours have certainly reached the pinnacle of success.

Of course, their main success is due to untiring energy and square dealing on the part of the kind-hearted manager, Eph. Williams, and his excellent wife.

Mr. Williams' assistant manager, Mr. R. C. Puggsley, has had a wide experience in theatrical business, and this makes him the right man for the place.

Mr. William Baynard, our general director, is well known, and is a former partner of Mr. Williams' He is a valuable asset to the company..

Among the performers is Miss Jennie Hale, our mezzo soprano and leading lady, who during a few short years in the show business has forged to the front and is both young and beautiful, and is an accomplished artist on the stage. Her Paris gowns are the talk of the town.

Tom Brawn, a young Georgia comedian, is a promising young man in comedy roles. His droll wit makes him very popular with the audiences.

Mr. Tom Price, one of our most versatile performers, has proven himself a clever performer as well as a first-class snare drummer.

Miss Susie Cooksey, our Goo-Goo Song Bird, is singing "Hide From the Light of the Moon" with great success.

Miss Flo Russell, a young soubrette and dancer, is coming to the front by leaps and bounds with her song, "Stop! Stop! Stop!" and "Beautiful Rag."

Miss Pearl Moon and Mollie Pardons, soubreettes, singers and dancers, are in popularity with the patrons.

Nelson Greed, our monologist, makes a hit every time he appears.

L. Don Bradford and wife are among our leading lights. Mr. Bradford is doing the leading straight work with credit.

We had the pleasure of meeting several prominent performers in Charleston.

Freddy Goodwin, flute and piccolo artist, joined us at Charleston.

Goff Kennedy, stage manager, would like to hear from S. B. Foster.

Our No. 2 show opens o nor about April 15.

IN EUROPE.

Pearl Barber, well known sporting man and club man of Toledo, O., writes from London saying that he will be in Paris the first of May. He will be in London to see the coronation festivities.

MAJESTIC THEATER, LA CROSSE, WIS.

"The best colored act, from a comedy standpoint, that has ever played my house."—Bona fide statement of Messrs. Koppelberger and Cummings, manager a ndproprietor, respectively. Bob Henderson says, "The biggest hit that the act has ever made." The Southern Comedy Trio sends regards to all friends in and out of the profession, and says, "Watch us grow." Their first week on the S. C. time.

A CALL.

Mr. E. C. Knox, you are hereby notified to perform your duty as agreed in your contract for the season of 1911, and until all shows expire.

You make take the liberty to wear such costume as is most suited for your act. Rehearsal is absolutely unnecessary, as you are a graduate.

Please recognize this call by saying "Hello, Bill" in the columns of The Freeman.
P. G. LOWERY.

THE DUNBAR THEATER COLUMBUS, O.

With Lewis & Lewis in the college banquet, week of April 3rd, was a screaming success. Alberta Perkins is a goon coon shouter, her song, "Alamo Rag," was a hit. W. B. White, who has a comedy part is an able assistant to George Lewis and his work was well received. John Smedley who played the straight did well, and his song, "All That I Ask is Love," was well rendered. Josie Graham has a sweet voice, and also Pinkie Cooper, who take part in the chorus. Love & Love will join the show Tuesday.

FAY AVENUE GIANTS BASEBALL CLUB, MEMPHIS, TENN.

The Kansas City Royal Giants played the Fay Avenue Giants two games, April 2nd and 3rd. Kansas City won both games. First game, Kansas City Royal Giants, 6, Fay Avenue Giants, 3; second game, Kansas City Royal Giants 3, Fay Avenue Giants 6, 6 innings; rain stopped the last game. The Royals will play Little Rock, Ark., Hot Springs, Ark., and Marianna, and then they will return to Memphis for two games with the Fay Avenue Giants April 15 and 16, and then the Fay Avenue Giants will leave on a trip through the west. They will play in Kansas City, Mo., with the Royals July 2, 3 and 4. So all managers that want to book the Memphis club let W. S. Hunt know, 464 Monroe avenue.

THE MACEO THEATER, COLUMBIA, S. C.

The continued success of A. S. Johnson as manager of this playhouse is due to his originality and respectability. He brought to this theater a higher order of acts than was before introduced here.

Our acts this week are the best, as we have some of the best people in vaudeville. We have Ada Lockhart, the great lady baritone; and to say that she sings well would be putting it mildly. Mr. Thomas, her husband, is an artist and is very popular with the audiences.

Miss Lucy Jones, generally conceded to be the South's most talented and artistic soubrette, is with us. She has a remarkable career of success.

If you wish to see a great buck and wing dance originated in this country, you should see Ham Jones. He has made a study of this particular style of dancing, hence is an expert at it.

Lester McDaniel, another Bob Russell, is staging our shows, and this fact alone bespeaks success for each bill. You ought to see him in the capacity of director.

All stage work is handled with clockwork regularity, and adds greatly to the production of the shows.

We have an excellent orchestra.

DIXIE LAND MINSTRELS.

Notes From an Excellent Aggregation Now Enroute With the J. J. Jones Exposition Shows.

After spending the winter months in Alabama, Mississippi and Florida, we are now touring the State of North Carolina, showing to crowded houses every night.

We have our new wagon front, which is lighted up with one electric lights. It is one of the finest plantation fronts on the road.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Turner, of Cleveland, Tenn., joined us at Sanford, Fla.

Mr. Blake, formerly of the Rabbit's Foot Comedy Company, joined us in Jacksonville, Fla., as tuba player and trap drummer.

Mrs. Bailey is scoring a success singing "Big Brown Boo-Boo Eyes."

Miss Mae Hagler is making a tremendous hit with "Beautiful Garden of Roses."

Mrs. Turner is pleasing each audience with "Yum-Yum Tree" "And Some of These Days."

Miss Phillips has taken the place of interlocter, held by Mrs. Helen Young.

Mr. Leroy Knox is holding the audiences spellbound with his monologue entitled "Hard Luck."

Messrs. Hagler and Crawford are still holding their own as Uncle Eph and Aunt Dinah.

Mr. Rastus Neely and Frank Dukes have been on the sick list but are better, and are able to appear on the stage again.

Mr. Bailey, our pianist and bass drummer, is still with the bunch and sends regards to Shackleford, Finlayson and Wilkerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Phillips are still making a success with their sketch act entitled "Railroad Bill."

All the company send regards through the columns of The Freeman.

THE SINS OF THE FATHER

Opens at the Princess Theater—Chicago Sees Dixon's Latest Drama.

THE AUTHOR DESERVES CREDIT.

Slaps the White Race in Face and Underates the Negro, But Benefits All.

By Sylvester Russell.

Wrapped in a shroud of racial sin,
In a valley afar and low,
Are pastures where the white man's kin
Were mongrels white as snow.

Tom Dixon, the man who wrote the Clansman, has at last thrown the white race into confusion and the white people of the South into despair. He has even done more than that: he has brought his mother into play to share his guilt of probable racial ancestry, the depth of which the bottom of her suggested story, may lay true but natural claim. Tom Dixon's plea for ostracism of the Negro is not the plea of a genuine white man, neither does his speeches indicate it. I have suspicion that black blood runs through his veins and that his mother, knowing it as a secret, had consipred to trouble the waters of the northern sea and make men know that they are people whose blood is black and hidden where people can't see it. It is, it must be, all a story of consanguinity smuggled up in the secret closet of a southerners hatred of the sins of his own father. It is a true family story of the South and one that works on human emotions because of the racial ties which bind the Negro relative, mistress and servant, together in such a way that they will never be able to get fully apart. The dramatic critics of the North, not knowing how to handle the race problem as Dixon has further placed it upon the stage, have resorted to comments on the authors self-important and illegitimate speeches. Here are quotations of the Tom Dixon speeches:

"Laws should be passed to prohibit marriages between white and black peoples."

"Laws should be passed that white and black children should be taught in separate schools. Laws should be passed that Negroes should be ostracised to a place by themselves. I have no harsh feeling against the Negro."

This clap-trap, which is a speech and not a part of the play, is not up for discussion at this juncture, except to slap back at the modesty of Northern critics. Ashton Stevens says: "When Dixon says in his speech that the white shall not have marriage or intrigue with the black, I applaud a robust platitude. I agree with him that there should be laws to maitnain the two races apart." Then he says: "Mr. Dixon's principles as set forth in his play and his speech, are sane and reasonable enough for any man of Southern parentage."

In these expressions it can clearly be seen that Stevens disputes himself. O. L. Hall gave a more sane view. He said in part: "Every person knows as well as Dixon that intermarriages of whites and blacks is not exactly desirable." Then Mr. Hall says: "Most of the things he has to say in his play have been said a thousand times more forcibly by Edward H. Sheldon in the "Nigger," which had point purpuose and dramatic power." I, also, agree that Mr. Sheldon has written the best play. The speech of Dixon which cannot be applauded detracted from the luster of his presence in the play. After the first act you see the man Dixon as he is, and in the mirror of what he said and what the play expresses and not as a real actor. There has even been a wide difference of opinion among the foremost white people of intelligence, regarding the Negro race, and the problms which confront them, and it is now the privilege of the white people of superior intelligence to hear the four important questions answered by a member of the Negro race.

The marriages of white and black people are not desirable in this age and the Negro race as a whole does not seek such marriages. Human nature and love is a defiance to law and ever will be. Love is the true gift of God. Its relationship to nature is legitimate and perfect. It knows no creed, no color or nationality and any laws that should be passed to prohibit marriages of any kind mentioned would only tend to prostitute the white woman to the black man as slavery prostituted the negress. Such laws would be contrary to the respectable course of human nature and the God given rights of human freedom, personal liberty and the status of a free country, and both races would defy them. There will be only one adjustment of racial marriages, that of an intelligent course of early home training. It will not be necessary to argue the school question at all, herein. The suggestion that Negroes should be relegated to obscurity is a joke on our civilization. When Dixon says he has no harsh feeling against the Negro race he tells a villainous falsehood and all his ingratitude to his God which led him to forsake the ministry to become a playwright and actor, and which has been revealed in the characters of his plays, reveals the contents of his heart and shows the reason why he chooses to assume the divine right to dictate to the God of humanity. The messages of satan which caused him to fall from the sanctity of holiness down to the joy riders in the valley of deception, which lead to final despair. Five years ago when the Clansman was originally produced in New York, I was present at the first performance. The Negro race had raved over the coming production and wanted it stopped, but when I saw the play I discerned at a glance that in spite of all its ghastly features that there was one prominent figure in it that would dethrown the white race and benefit the Negro, and that was the mulatto politician. The dilapidated looking soldiers was also another feature of demerit.

My manuscript was not accepted for publication and that settled my account and I hold to this day that plays against the Negro are not damaging to him, but helpful to his cause. When the sins of the father was produced in the South, the editor of the Journal and Guide, of Norfolk, Va., spoke of the performance as favorable to the Negro race. I had great faith in Editor Young, so I commented favorably on Dixon's change of heart in giving another kind of drama. But the colored vigilance keepers of Chicago had no faith in my contention. There was a slight protest. But now they see the play was unbiased and instructive.

The Play and Its Merits.

The broad theme of the story runs something like the "Nigger," having the time worn politician in evidence. This politician has an octoroon colored mistress who had nursed his son to manhood. This actoroon, who had a daughter by the boys father, sends for the child after she has grown up. The boy at once falls in love with the girl, who, unconsciously is his half sister of Negro blood and steals away and marries her before his father is aware of their doing. The octoroon denies that the girl is her daughter at the elos of the play, only to change the bad odor of the play and make everybody exclaim that she is a liar, as the audience passes out. Significant in this play the word "nigger" is seldom heard, while the word Negro is much used, and where Negro is only once used in Sheldon's play.

The play itself is contradictory, feverish in spirit and lacking in construction. It is bedewed with tears and embalmed with sighs; it has contrary moments which appeal to the depths of human passion. Nearest to the heart is the son who loves his octoroon nurse as he would a mother, and the love the boys father once had for the nurse which turned to scorn is another source of pity, and all through the play we have bits of human anguish that only a fallen minister of qualified literary instincts could depict. Dixon's voice appeals only to the ministry and every tone falls as if from the pulpit. His play will benefit the Negro race baeuse of the true love and pity it incites for the colored people and argues against the white race. The servants ni fear ordered around by the divine rights of Dixon's Southern nature is all understood, and does not detract but lends charm to two Negro characters which Dixon actually succeeded in writing. And Dixon must be praised for balms which bring actual tears of joy and sorrow to the eyes of many who look upon his repentant countenance as he slowly rises from the burden of sin the Clansman had placed upon his conscience. ack W. Cowell, as Andy the old Negro servant, was a masterpiece and the best Negro dialect white actor I have yet seen in such a part, as a genuine creator of humor. Miss Ethel Wright was likewise an excellent actress. Leonard Ide as the son, was handsome and dignified throughout. Lydia Knott as the octoroon housekeeper was fair, and Mrs. Charles G. Craig as Aunt Minerva, looked the part and acted well but her dialect and the reading of her lines was not at all convincing. There was but few colored people present and many empty seats were in evidence, and during the play quite a few people left the house. It would be more natural and satisfactory if genuine Negro actors could be secured to play colored characters in all such plays.

AIRDOME, TAMPA, FLA.

The Airdome is packing them nightly with one of the most evenly balanced vaudeville bills ever presented here. J. (Chicken Reel) Beaman, the droll comedian, fresh from a successful six weeks' run at the Globe Theater, Jacksonville, opened on the 15th. His monologue and songs kept the audience in an uproar, but when he did that dance—I mean the funniest dance down South to-day—he was a riot. Miss Virgie Deo is easily one of the best prima donnas in Southern vaudeville. Lillie Walker is the acknowledged queen of terpsichore. Master Raymond, the Beau Brummell, is taking four to five bows nightly with graceful dancing. Mr. Jimmie Dick, better known as "Te Tar," is in his twelfth week, and going just as big as the opening night. Mr. Dick is certainly giving the Tampa public some good shows. Billy Higgins, one of the funniest young comedians on the stage, will open here on the 8th inst. Beaman says a man can't drink whisky and pay board, so he has decided to quit —paying board.

CHATTANOOGA SHOW TALK.

By E. B. Dudley.

Chattanooga, Tenn., is going to be a theatrical center in a very few days, as there are all kinds of progressive movements here for a bright future of the colored people, as they are getting together and making themselves useful. What would become of the colored man if he did not have some one to push him along and help him to do? The critics have all gotten together and have begun to think of the future of Chattanooga. At present Chattanooga has one of the finest colored drug stores seen in the South, and will soon have a swell colored theater, which will be among the finest in the South. Let us hope that the white manager will give the theater-going people here some good acts, and not do as the average white manager of some of our Southern colored theaters. I am well known in the profession and will express my opinion of the affair to the public as I think it ought to be, as we colored people must demand from the white managers of some of these smaller houses good order and not so much vulgarity from the stage. We think less of a performer that will try to win his or her audience by using smut. Why does not the performer that does those things sit and think before they attempt to do them, and then they will no doubt change their line of work before they get to that kind of work. And why not the managers keep good order in these little houses that give from four to fifteen shows a night, and not let the people go out and say, "Oh, didn't the people act rotten in that place? I don't think that I will ever go there again." This will not do the manager any good at all, and is still worse for the performer. Let us hope that this will all vanish and that we will have some good colored acts come South, and they will have some place to show their ability, and by so doing the people of this part of the country will certainly appreciate it. I take it upon myself to say this, as I have been in the theatrical business for nearly fifteen years, and I think that I know a little white the public wants, and if Chattanooga will have this we will have a good theater, good audiences and good performers to visit us, and, if not, Chattanooga, will be called a poor show town by the local managers and they will know why, if some one tells them after it is too late. Let us have good performers in this good house and we will have some good box receipts, which has always been the main factor of the show business. especially with the performer, which I will move and second myself.

CLARKSVILLE, TENN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Our citizens are giving very much of their time considering the new form of commission government for our city. This form of government is very much needed. The citizens here were worked up to a fever heat of excitement when th local papers reported Dr. Booker T. Washington's sad accident while on a mission to New York City. The citizens unanimously extend their sincere sympathy, hoping for the doctor's early recovery....Bishop Caldwell, of the A. M. E. Zion Church, Kentucky Conference, addressed our people on the 6th. It was a great treat to hear the distinguished Bishop....Mr. Wash Edmons died on the 1st and was buried Monday, the 3d. Mr. Edmons was an Odd Fellow and K. of P., and was highly esteemed as a citizen, He leaves a family and a host of friends to mourn his loss....Rev. Carrington, of the St. Paul A. M. E. Zion Church, is doing great work here in his first conference year. Through his energetic efforts Rev. Carrington has remodeled the church to the extent of $450. He has also increased the membership. He is very popular in this community....The Freeman can be found for sale at 107 South First street, Steele & Barker's barber shop. All news for publication can be sent to J. P. Steele, at the above address, or P. O. Box 175. J. P. Steele, agent. If you want to know what your people are doing, read The Freeman.

ITEMS OF RACE INTEREST.

The executive committee of the National Negro Business League has re-elected Prof. Chas. H. Moore as national organizer of that body. He has made a phenomenal record in the past two years, and under his virile supervision local leagues have been organized in all the important centers of Negro population in the land. The attendance each year has grown larger, and for much of this healthful growth the National League is indebted to Prof. Moore. His notes in the various papers, showing signs of commercial progress among our people are not only adding to our fund of information, but are having a stimulating effect upon every line of industry in which the race is engaged. The league is fortunate in being able to retain Prof. Moore's valuable services.

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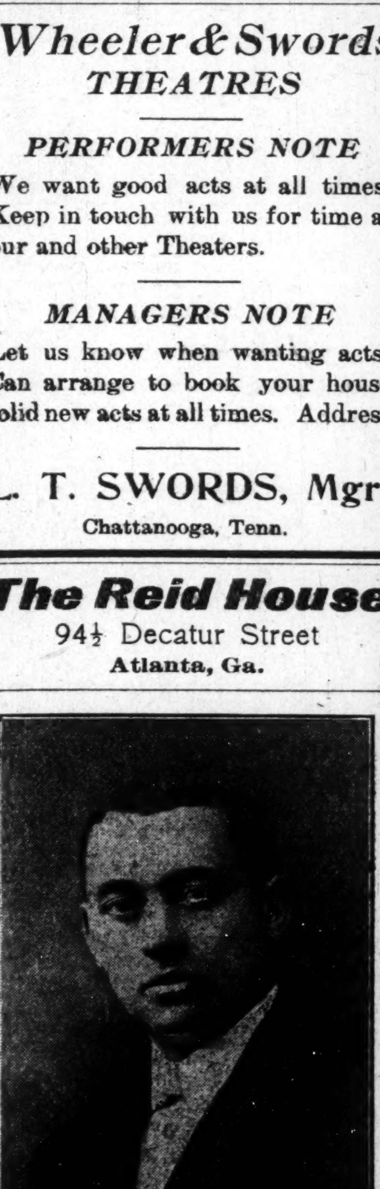

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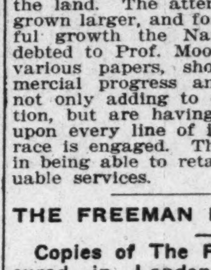

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In the Field of Sport.

BY HAROLD C. McGATH.

Lowery and Young, both colored, boxed four fast rounds at the Dillon Athletic Club last week.

The Owensboro Cubs baseball team would like to hear from all managers. Address Leroyal Wigfall, 814 W. 5th St., Owensboro, Ky., mgr. P. Green, Capt.

John W. F. Perkins, manager of the Vicksburg, Miss., baseball team, says that the team is in better shape than ever before. Address him 1511 S. Washington street.

The Greenwood Giants baseball team, Nashville, Tenn., own its own park. J. Blaine Boyd is manager. He says that he wants to meet good teams. Opened up April 15-16.

Rattlesnake Kid, who went against Jimmy Blackburn, in Indianapolis, last week, succeeded in giving the alarm, but scarcely more. He however, got away from Jimmy unscathed. Blackburn is from Chicago and knows the game.

Jack Johnson has not received many letters of sympathy since his incarceration in a California bastile. Jack it is thought was sufficiently warned about tearing up the streets. He finally paid for the fun. When he gets out, maybe he will be good—just maybe.

The Kansas City Cyclones, of Kansas City, Mo., have organized for the season. The team claims distinction of champion of the middle west, owing to last season's successes. It is in the field this season, good and formidable, and with the intention of making the championship title stick.

The wind-up at the Broadway Athletic Club in Philadelphia last week between Yankee Schwartz, the South African featherweight, and Preston Brown, the Port Richmond negro. The bout drew a big crowd, among them many theatrical men now playing in this city. Schwartz was the aggressor in every round, and was entitled to the decision.

The Omaha Giants will be in the field this season with one of the fastest lineups in the northwest. The Giants made a great record last season and hope to do better this season. They will meet the Kansas City Royal Giants some time in June. The Giants are open to all fast clubs. We don't bar any. The harder they are the better we like them. The Giants are ready to book games with all fast teams. W. J. Ford, manager; V. Graham, president, 105 S. 14th St., Omaha, Neb.

According to every advance indication Buffalo is to have one of the greatest semi-professional baseball teams in the country, which will be under the management of Bill Bright, and which is composed of the pick of high-class ball players in the country. Lineup: B. Benard, rf; M. Cook, c; J. Gans, p and cf; W. Fuller, ss; J. Good p; C. Smith, 2b; N. Williams, p and lf; J. Emory, p; C. Williams, 1b; H. Good, 3b. They are willing to meet any team in the country. A. Mills, sole owner Buffalo Giants, of Buffalo; W. A. Bright, Manager, 167 Elm St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Because the referee declared the twenty-round contest between Sam McVey, the California negro heavyweight boxer, and Sam Langford, the crack colored middleweight, a draw, recently, Langford may not get his wish to fight Jack Johnson fulfilled. Half of the house thought that McVey was outclassed and that Langford won by a good margin, but the referee declared all things even up at the finish. The men fought for a purse of $10,000, which they divided evenly after the contest was over. Langford thought sure that he had the winner's end cinched all along.

Jack Watts, of Terre Haute, hailed as Jack J. II, is a new one for fistic honors. He "done up" Kid Stone of Indianapolis in little or no time. The mixup took place at the Dillon Athletic Club, Indianapolis, last week. The following is the way a sport writer saw it: "Jack Watts of Terre Haute and Horace (Kid) Stone of Indianapolis, colored light heavyweights, stepped into the ring at the Dillon Athletic Club's smoker last week for a scheduled ten-round contest and Stone almost lasted one round. After about two minutes of fighting some one yelled "Jack Johnson," and Watts, who has every appearance of the black champion, not only in color but in fighting form, landed a vicious hook on Stone's chin and the birdies began to sing."

The correspondent of the Freeman at Starkville, Miss., says: While baseball has always taken forward rank as a sport in our town, our team always playing winning ball and drawing good crowds wherever they play, yet this year, of all others promises to be the banner year for baseball. The present team, "The Black Diamonds," under the management of W. H. Hopkins, is by far the strongest material, the best managed, and in every respect the best all-around team of athletic sports, of which this community can boast. Field work has been hard, and every man seems imbued with the idea of success being dependent upon him, hence, the strength of the team. On April 19, 20 and 21st, will mark the full opening of the season, and there is no doubt, with this strong and careful management and his team and citizenships support, that all comers will be treated to a fair deal and their full money's worth.

SAYS MORRIS WILL BEAT JOHNSON

Thought to Be Coming Up—All Eyes on the Oklahoma Hope.

CINCINNATI, O.—"With the necessary ring experience, Carl Morris will beat Jack Johnson when they meet. Morris is the 'Terrible Turk' of the prize ring and too strong for all the heavyweights," declared Mike Schreck last night at his home in Reading, O. Schreck is just back from Sapulpa, Okla., where he fought Morris last Tuesday afternoon. He is unable to walk as a result of a sprained ankle received in Tuesday's battle. Schreck made more money out of the Morris fight than any contest he has taken part in for years. He has one-third interest in the moving pictures also, so at last the Reading Pet is on Easy street. "Morris needs a few more fights to take off the rough edges," continued Mike, "then he will be about ripe for the big show. I do not think that Jack Johnson is strong enough to show his superiority over the white man, and predict that Morris will be champion some day. He had it on me in height, weight, reach and strength. I could not do anything with him. He is a powerful fellow, and in the clinches wrestles his oppenent around like he was playing with him. I am a good wrestler myself, but I could not do anything with the Oklahoma wild man."

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DEFEATS GROSS POINTS.

The fast Havana Star baseball team, of Chicago, took first game of the season April 1st, defeating the Gross Points 4 to 0, at Gross Point, Ill. The features of the game was the pitching of J. Davis, striking out 15. The lineup of the Havana's: C. Colman, c; W. Green, 2b; R. Reeves, cf; J. Davis, p; F. Goliah, 3b; A. Mottley, ss; H. Hardy, lf; K. Booker, 1b; E. Smith, rf; utility, F. Reeves, p; C. Hill, p; C. Niece, c; W. Webb, p.

ILLA VINCENT

The Black Panther, Champion Negro Wrestler of the World.

By Sylvester Russell.

Illa Vincent, who has been the great drawing card at the Pekin Theater, of Chicago, exclusively under the management of Robert T. Motts, is known in Germany, France and Switzerland as the Black Panther, champion Negro wrestler of the world. He was born in Cuba and is 27 years of age. He was reared in Germany and speaks French and German only except that he is now acquiring the English language. He is tall and athletic in stature, weighing 210 pounds.

His chest measures 47 inches and his thigh 19. The consummate proportions of his physique and the muscular development of his sinews is not only deceiving to the eye but the position of his neck rubber-like in tension, denoting physical strength and the elasticity of his body and the suppleness of his limbs is marvelous. His first interpreter when he came to appear at the Pekin was Miss Fanny Wise, the late Red Moon prima donna, who speaks German and French fluently, but one particular evening, in the midst of the excitement, she got badly squeezed up in the wings during a match by a crowd of infuriated men and had to give up her mission. Kid Monday, an ex-prize fighter and athletic instructor of the Douglas Center Athletic Club acted as his trainer and a smart young boy who hangs around the Pekin theater, hopeful of becoming an actor, who could speak dutch, acted for a while as Vincent's Valet.

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Illa Vincent took on a very heavy man at the Pekin Theater last Friday week. His name is Hesia Dasa of Constantinople. He was heavily thrown to the floor by Vincent after 20 minutes of wrestling and disqualified by a fractional injury.

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Chicago Jack, a young prize fighter, weighing 138 pounds, won over George Wodson in a wrestling match on the same evening. Woodson weighed 145. Tony Garibauldi, the second Leo Pardello, was also on the bill.

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The first of a series of wrestling matches took place at Odd Fellows' hall Saturday evening, March 18th. Reid Thomas is one of the promoters by arrangement with President Samuel Alston of the Douglas Center Athletic Association. Arthur Virgin, the Greek demon, won over August Valino. The colored wrestlers were Jim Judge, who won over Roy Bird in the best two falls out of three. Calvin Hespress won over William Watkins. Roy Bird has challenged Vallino. Walter Godding is out with a challenge to lightweights at 130 pounds, and Chicago Jack at 138 pounds.

JOHNSON BEST OF STRONG LOT OF COLORED FIGHTERS

List is so Strong It Will Be No Easy Task for Any White Hope to Regain Championship.

"Lest we forget." A good deal has been written and said lately about "hopes" of the white race in the pugilistic line. It all comes of the overweaning desire to locate a pale face capable of subduing one Jack Johnson, the black champion, who opened his engagement at the Empire last Monday, and it almost looks as though those who wish to see the supremacy in fisticuffs restored to the Caucasian race are overlooking the fact that Johnson is not by any means the only dark sheep in the fighting fold. There are enough colored heavyweights in sight to form a drill corps or tour the country as a Georgia minstrel show if boxing should fall into disfavor.

In addition to Johnson we have the two Sams—Langford and McVey—Joe Jeannette and the new man, Hank Griffin. And that looks like an ace-high spade flush.

Of this bunch, of course Johnson is the best. For second choice Sam Langford probably would receive the popular vote, although from the way the light-heavy, Hank Griffin, is coming on it looks ah though Sam has a formidable rival for the distinction of being the next best in the colored phalanx.

Sam McVey is big and muscular and when he left these hospitable shores was not regarded as the possessor of any particular degree of class. He has, however, gained a world of experience, and the confidence which is born of experience, by years of milling in the French capital. It stands to reason that he must have improved a considerable extent and that he would prove a hard nut to crack for any of the budding hopes of the white race.

Joe Jeannette, who is a much lighter man than McVey, once bested big Sam in a contest in Paris, and, as Jeannette has been defeated a couple of times since then by Sam Langford, there is justification for classing Langford higher than either McVey or Jeannette.

When all is said, the colored heavies present a big front, and if they were to form a union for the purpose of preserving the championship of the Negro race the bravest of our "hopes" would admit the task of recapturing the title is not quite as easy as it might at first appear.

A glance at the pugilistic band of hope as it is at present doesn't warrant the belief that a white man is to stand for the champion in the very near future. With Tommy Burns doubtful as to his ability to take up the game again, Al Kaufman is the one on whom the sporting public places the most reliance. Al, however, has not displayed any symptoms of world-beating capacity after six years of professional fighting. He is big, brave and willing, but as a boxer he is anything but brisk. We could get a better line on him, probably, if his long-threatened match with Sam Langford could be brought to head and carried through.

Tommy Burns is anxious to take up the the activities of the ring again, but he is the proprietor of a game knee and is not sure as yet whether his crippled leg will stand training. Burns was always a conscientious worker, and by the same token, a capable fighter, and if he decides it is safe to go ahead with his plans for reentering the ring he probably will prove that he can hold his own with any of the other whites who have designs on Johnson's laurels.

It may be, though, that Burns will never be quite as good as he was before he lost his title to Johnson. After that affair he fell into flesh, and it is a plain fact that very few ring men have ever returned to their original form after taking off weight that accumulates during a long period of idleness.

Bill Lang, who is being groomed by Hugh D. McIntohh for a chance at the championship crown, is not thought extra well of by the sports of this country, while Jack Lester, the novice who has been taken in hand by Tommy Burns, is little better than a middleweight.

Carl Morris, the Oklahoma giant, who is cutting somewhat of a swath, has not been put to any serious test as yet. While his work so far may be considered satisfactory, even those who believe that the future looks bright for him think it would be folly to send him against Langford or Johnson at this stage of the game.

For that matter, every manager who has in hand the developing of a "hope"—and there are quite a number of themis possessed of the idea that his new heavyweight must be sent to the front slowly and not be asked to attempt too much in the beginning. It is a wise precaution, probably, but it causes one's mind to revert to the rock-ribbed, stout-hearted novices who did not require such careful training.

Take Tom Sharkey, for instance. Why, that fellow was discovered one day and was among champions the next. In a measure, Jim Jeffries' experience was the same, and so it was, too, in the case of Gus Ruhlin.

These huskies had to take the rough from the smooth from the first moment they embarked in pugilism, and they rounded out their careers in good shape, even though they were not initiated into the mysteries of the fistic game by the feeding bottle route.

ANOTHER PLEA FOR FREEDOM

Johnson Begs to Be Alolwed to Defend Himself in $4,000 Suit.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—Jack Johnson, champion heavyweight pugilist, who is serving a twenty-five day sentence in the jail for auto speeding, is making a vigorous effort to secure his release so he can appear in New York to defend himself in a $4,000 damage suit.

He has received a telegram from his eastern attorneys informing him that it was impossible to secure a continuance, and that unless Johnson was on hand a judgment would be rendered against him.

The colored champion was permitted to leave the jail to visit his sick brother and while thsu temporarily at liberty he visited District Attorney Fickert and explained the situation. He promised if he was released on parole he would not only agree never again to violate the speed laws, but dispose of his automobiles.

Fickert refused to give the champion any encouragement. He said he would consult Police Judge Treadwell today and if that official was willin gto consent to a parole he would take the matter under advisement.

Johnson already has lost a $1,750 theatrical contract and if he loses the suit his disregard of the California laws will prove very expensive.

KANSAS CITY CYCLONES CHAMPIONS MIDDLE WEST

The Kansas City Cyclones, the colored champions of the middle west have organized for the season, and will play at the Association Park, 20th and Olive street. It will be remembered that the Cyclones met the Royal Giants in a three games series, taking the entire series. The scores were as follows: 5 to 1, 11 to 4, and 8 to 7. The Cyclones defeated the K. C. K. Giants the last game of the season by the score of 8 to 7, in twelve innings. Also the St. Louis Giants in St. Louis, 5 to 3; also the St. Louis All-Stars, a picked team of the white city league of St. Louis, 13 to 1. The Cyclones will open their season Easter Sunday, April 16th. All traveling teams visiting K. C. wishing to meet with success, should arrange their games with the Cyclones. Lineup: Fred Lindsay, 1b; Fred Hicks, 2b; Frog Lindsay, ss; Claud Brayson, 3b; Wells, Johnson, Livington, p; Price, Lee, c; West Wilkins, lf; Oscar Moss, cf; Fred Lee, rf; Isaac Moot, president; Mr. Rufus F. Davenport, secretary and treasurer; Mr. A. S. Price, manager and captain. For games address A. S. Price, 1732 Brooklyn Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

ARGENTA GRAYS, ARGENTA, ARK.

The Grays, of Argenta, Ark., are this year under the management of Harvey Williams. With beautiful weather and plenty of sunshine, Manager Williams has permitted his bunch of baseball tossers to act around the diamond daily at Faucette Park. Every one seems to be very much pleased with the team. Our first game was with Memphis, April 10, 11, 12, then leaving to play the fast Klothe Reds of Hot Springs. After returning home dates are open to all comers. Captain Croxton, late of the New York Cuban Giants, with his howling aggregation is capable of meeting any first class club. With such men as Bill Wiley, Young, Palmer, Love, McCray and others, we will clean up the South. All mail orders will be received and given prompt attention at 301-303 E. Washington Ave., Harvey A. Williams, Mgr.

NOTES FROM MOBILE, ALA.

Dixie Stars Baseball Club.

The boys are still in the land of the living, if we did meet some of the eastern, western and northern bear cats. We open our first game March 9, 10, 11, with the Kansas City Giants. First game was won by the Mobile boys, score being 4-3; second game was won by the Kansas City boys, score being 10-6; the third game was tied up, 9-9; fourth game was won by Kansas City, 14-8. Our boys don't claim to be the champions of the world, but kept the Kansas City boys from loafing while they were here. The boys found Sunny Jim easy. They soon sent him to the bench to think of some new stunt. Our next game was with the St. Louis Giants, who took two straights from the boys. Scores were 7-5, 10-4 in favor of St. Louis. Mr. Mills has a bunch of No. 1 baseball players, who know the baseball business from A to Z. Mr. Chas. Mills is a little prince, and made plenty of friends while in Mobile. Next comes the Royal Giants of Brooklyn, New York. The boys are going to punish them for the defeat that St. Louis put on them. We have Sunday baseball down here now, so look out, boys, for the Mobile Dixie Stars. Wm. Benbow says before the sumemr is over everybody will know there is a baseball club in Mobile. He says this is his first season in the baseball business, but as he has had 18 years in the show business, and made good, he also intends to have success in the baseball business.

THE GREATEST PLAY I EVER SAW

By Jack Johnson, of Kansas City, Mo.

Jack Johnson, of Kansas City, has the following to say in regard to the "greatest play" question. I should judge the greatest play I ever saw would be very hard to determine, says he, from the fact it would depend a great deal on how important was the game and a good deal on how the play came up, for instance, the more important the game, the more important every play seems to be. At this day and time we need not be surprised to see almost any up-to-date player make a great play, who is cool, level-headed and a quick thinker. But for one of the most unusual and rare plays I believe I ever saw, was while I was playing first base with the Chicago Union Giants. It was, I believe, the first time a Chicago club had ever ventured to get as far through the Southwest as Kansas City. We were playing the old Jenkins club here. Fred Roberts was playing second and Alex Irwin short for us. Our club was in the field and the Jenkins had a runner on first. The batter hit a sharp hit ball straight at Roberts at second. The ball was hard hit, but it was taking big bounces. Roberts figured it would be easy handled and he would throw it to Irwin, who covered the bag at second and we had a sure double play, but to his surprise, on that last bounce when he went to field the ball he fumbled it and the ball laid on the ground in front of him. Roberts was so outdone at that last bounce being a contrary one that he refused to reach at the ball for the second time and pick it up, but deliberately took his foot and kicked the ball and to his surprise of the several thousand people, that were on the ground the ball flew straight at Irwin just waist high, who was on the second bag and he made a pretty peg to me at first and a flying double play had been pulled off.

DECATUR (ILL.) NEWS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle of the Antioch Baptist Church held a successful rally last Sunday. Four contestants entered the race: Mr. George Trice, Miss Blanche Woodford, Mrs. Sadie Jones and Mrs. Josephine Cousins. The lucky ones were Mr. George Trice, who received the diamond ring, and Mrs. Josephine Cousins, who received the ruby ring....Rev. M. S. McCutcheon closed a very successful revival at the Antoich Baptist Church last Sunday. There were eight converts who were baptized in the river....Miss Pauline Nickens arrived in Decatur from Greenville, Ohio, last Sunday, here she has been teaching school. She is visiting her sister, Mrs. Josephine Cousins.... The "Penalty of Pride" was repeated at St. Peters A. M. E. Church Thursday. A large crowd was in attendance, and every one enjoyed themselves....The pastor and officers of St. Peters are making elaborate preparations for the Easter services.... Dr. E. T. Cottman, presiding elder of the Springfield district, held his third quarterly meeting in Decatur Sunday, the 9th.

CARMI, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Ada Trueman was hostess Thursday evening of last week of a surprise party for her neice, Miss Lydia Starks, at her home on Sixth street. The house was decorated for the occasion in a beautiful manner. The table was adorned with a large birthday cake and many pretty and useful presents....The Bible Class gave an entertainment at the A. M. E. Church Saturday evening, which was largely attended and proved a most enjoyable affair....John Bell visited his sister in Paris last Saturday....Mr. and Mrs. Luther Edwards were guests of Mrs. Emma Chism in Mauminee last Friday. ....John Blackman left for Danville, Ill., Wednesday....Rev. Bell, of Evansville, Ind., was in the city last week....Miss May Truit, of Harrisburg, Ill., was in the city Friday, enroute to Mt. Vernon, Ill., to visit relatives....Mrs. Sarah Hardison assisted in entertaining at the opening of tue Chapter House last Thursday.... Revs. William J. Smith and R. A. Green assisted in the services at the F. B. Church last Sunday....Wm. Stewart attended lodge meeting at Galatia last Tuesday night....Miss Flora Chism visited in Mt. Vernon last week....Mrs. Rama Green, of Paris, Ill., is visiting her sister in this city....Mrs. L. Stewart visited relatives in Indiana last week.... Miss Lydia Stark will leave for her home in Sparta, where she expects to spend the summer....Aaron Stewart came up from Harrisburg Friday to visit friends....The Freeman is gaining in favor each week. Rev. Joseph Hill held services at the M. B. Church last Sunday....The East Side of the city is improving. Three new electric street lights have been placed and Lina Edwards, Charles Green and John Mitchell have painted and otherwise improved their homes....Archie Stewart is home from Harrisburg....Mrs. Lucy Edwards visited her niece in Mauminee, Ill., last week....If you want the news, read The Freeman.

ADDYSTON, OHIO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

"Examine Yourself" was the subject of an interesting sermon by Rev. S. D. Sanders, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, Sunday evening. The communion service was postponed until next Sunday.... Among the fashionable social events of the week was the evening luncheon given by Mr. and Mrs. McLucius, Sunday evening. Among those present were Rev. S. D. Sanders, Mrs. Lulu Jackson and Mrs. S. H. Pillow....The members of Halley's Comet Knights of Honor Lodge held a business meeting Monday evening at the town hall....J. W. Gaines celebrated his forty-ninth birthday anniversary Tuesday evening at his cafe in the adjoining rooms. A good orchestra rendered the music for the dancing, which continued to the early hours of the morning.... Social and entertainment Tuesday evening at Sam Pillow's hall for the benefit of B. P. T. Church. Come one, come all. ....The Colored Men's Business League will be strongly represented at the first meeting....Ladies' Home and Foreign Mission Society has a good program. You are invited....The ladies' choir at the Second Baptist Church, under the direction of Mrs. George Davis and Mr. Lucas, is putting extra efforts on their rehearsals for the music for the Easter program.... The Freeman is always on time....John Branch, who received serious burns at the Reduction Company's plant, remains at the City Hospital. The physicians do not anticipate his early recovery....The inclement weather prevented the meeting of the B. Y. P. U. Sunday. The subject for Sunday evening will be "What It Takes to Make a Good Citizen." Interesting papers will be read. Come out and hear them....Subscribe for The Freeman....E. J. Taylor, deacon, gave an interesting talk at the close of the services Sunday evening, which was full of good logic and philosophy. The ladies choir held a hard practice Friday evening.... Silvers Mitchell was called to Cleveland recently on account of the death of his brother-in-law....Fire Chief Archibald of the city gave orders for more and better fire protection for the village of Delhi and Sayler Park, which has been recently annexed to Cincinnati. Regular city police are in service at Delhi....N. C. Hawkins has just received a shipment of Booker T. Washington pictures for sale, 25c each....Come out and hear the children sing at the Sabbath school on Sunday morning and take part in the lesson. Hear the general review given by the pastor at each lesson....See the magazine man at the Dunbar Literature and News Agency. We can fill your order.

ENGLISH AND INDIANS.

A few days ago a Hindoo, a native of Calcutta, lecturing in this city on the Brahmo-Somaj, a new religious cult of India, was asked by a newspaper man for information concerning the Young Hindoo party, which is a rapidly growing element antagonistic to British rule. The lecturer warily avoided entering upon this subject, declaring that while there was dissatisfaction against the alien rulers, he was not prepared to discuss political questions. Now and then an English newspaper has the hardihood to acknowledge that there is serious defection in India, but for the most part the press is silent on the subject. The everydal Briton, whether in military or civilian dress, has little consideration for the man of color, whether he be black, brown or yellow—and it may be said that the American white man is like unto him.

The French are not so narrow in their prejudices and usually exhibit a delightful color blindness which brings in happy returns. London Opinion recalls that the maharajah of Kapurthala, though educated in England, preferred in after life Paris to London. In Paris he was warmly received by French society, and now this Indian potentate is returning hospitality on a princely scale. His son and heir, educated in England, is going back to India to be married, and over a hundred members of the French aristocracy have accepted invitations to the wedding and have sailed on a steamer he has chartered, to be the guests of his Oriental magnificence for a couple of months.

Melville Stone, in the National Geographical Magazine, commenting on the British way of treating the Hindoo of high birth, says: "While I was in Calcutta I attended a ball at the government house, and noted that while one or two native princesses were on the floor dancing with white men, there were twenty or more native gentlemen standing about as 'wall flowers.' I called the attention of Lady Minto to the fact, and she explained that no white women would think of dancing with a native, as to do so would result in ostracism."

To this was added the reflection that the son of a maharajah goes to England, is educated at Oxford or Cambridge, is lionized in the West End of London, mayhap is honored with an invitation to Windsor. When he goes back home he may enter no white man's club; if he be fortunate enough to be invited to a white man's function, no white woman will dance or associate with him, and if he should marry a European, he, his wife and his children would become outcasts.

From this it would appear that caste and its maintenance are matters quite as English as they are Hindoo.—Indianapolis News.

A NOTABLE RECEPTION.

By A. C. Oglesby.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

At the home of Hon. W. M. McKnight, 1214 Woodland avenue, Kansas City, Mo., was given the finest farewell reception that has been given in Kansas City for a long time. It was in honor of Mr. Sam Fernandiz, the retiring second waiter of the Baltimore Hotel. Mr. Fernandiz has been employed by the Baltimore Hotel Company for the past four years, and during that time he has been one of its most reliable employes. There was not a person in the hotel that did not express regret at the news of his departure, and it was only after Mr. Fernandiz had convinced the headwaiter and also the managter that he was going away for his health that his resignation was reluctantly accepted. He left here Thursday night, the 5th inst., for Chicago, to take up his old position with the Pennsylvania Railroad. He will be missed indeed, for there is no other man that has handled a crew of 135 men and commanded the respect of all, without one voice of dislike, as he has done, and given satisfaction to his employer at the same time. Mr. McKnight has a home furnished second to none in Kansas City, and Mr. R. B. Thomas, the well-known caterer, tried himself. The table was beautifully decorated with carnations, and the menu was one fit for the gods—cream of chicken a la Baltimore, stuffed crabs a la poulette, milk-fed chicken, family style, lettuce and tomato salad, mayonnaise dressing, Roquefort cheese demi tasse, cigars and cigarettes, drinks, ponies of brandy, Martini cocktails, champagne, creme de menthe. Those present were Mr. W. M. McKnight, Sam Fernandiz, I. C. Ross, J. B. Godwin, W. L. Sedge. Mr. Ross was the principal speaker of the evening. Mr. Geo. Elstrier and Miss Nellie Ravis had the honor of waiting upon them....At Independence, Mo., Tuesday night, at Rev. Sage's church, the officers of the Afro-American Investment and Employment Company held one of the many meetings they are contemplating holding this summer. This company is one that the Negroes of the city can justly feel proud of, for it has been tested and has been found to be one of the best paying investment companies in Kansas City for the Negro. Mr. F. J. Weaver is president; W. B. Garrette, vice president; W. Dawson, secretary; W. M. McKnight, treasurer. Those present included Miss Sarah Hammette, the well-known alto singer of the Allen Chapel choir, and she rendered one of her favorite solos (Miss Hammette is bookkeeper of the company); Miss E. B. Jones; the Hon. Nelson C. Crews, the well-known orator, who was the speaker of the evening; Miss Emma Collins, Miss Lessa King, Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore. The president, Mr. Weaver, also gave some encouraging remarks....Mr. W. M. Owens is at Excelsior Springs for his health, which is improving....Miss Claudia Inoil, of 2410 Montgall avenue, will spend her vacation in Chicago this summer.

DELPHI, OHIO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The members of the B. Y. P. U. will hold a ralyy at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Interesting speaker have been scheduled and a grand time is expected. The president and members of the B. Y. P. U. at Sikitan have received special invitations through the courtesy of Miss Bessie Graves, president of the B. Y. P. U. at that place....N. C. Hawkins was in our village this week collecting on papers and magazines.

THE STORER COLLEGE, HARPERS FERRY, W. VA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

In the intercollegiate declamatory contest between Morgan College, Baltimore, and Storer College, Harpers Ferry, W. Va., the later school won the laurels.

Two ladies and two genelemen, representing each school, contested here for the prizes.

A first and second prize was offered the young ladies, and a first and second prize was offered the young men.

Those representing Storer and the subjects of their declamations were:

Mary F. Parker, 1911, Cooksville, Md.; "Uazeppi." Hazel Dillard, 1912, Charleston, W. Va.; "The Soul of the Violin." Charles H. Palmer, 1912, Seaford, Dela.; "The Deathbed of Benedict Arnold." John J. Wheaton, 1911, New York City; "A Revolutionary Sermon."

Those representing Morgan and their subjects were: Miss Roberta E. Hawkins, Hiawatha.' Miss Ida E. Rogers, "Venice." Richard E. Johnson, "The Better Part." Samuel P. Jones, "Work."

The award was to the ladies: First prize, Miss Dillard, Storer; second, Miss Hawkins, Morgan. To the gentlemen: First prize, Mr. Palmer, Storer; second, Mr. Wheaton, Storer.

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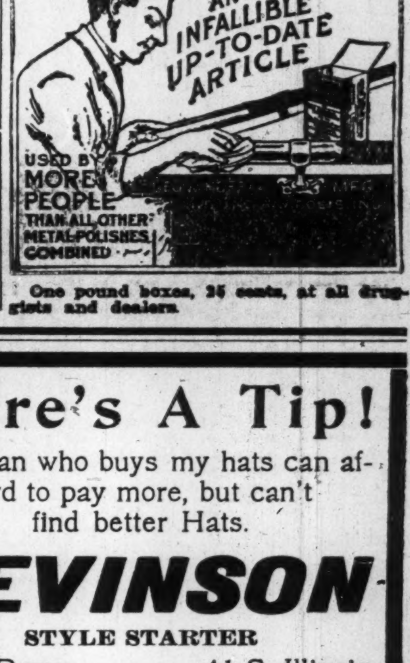
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CITY AND SOCIETY.

Mr. W. A. Turner has returned from Chicago.

Miss Carrie Walker will spend Easter in Chicago.

Miss Bessie Willis has returned from Wilberforce.

Mr. Harvey E. Johnson will spend Sunday in Noblesville.

Mrs. Mattie Prewitt spent Saturday and Sunday in Muncie.

Mrs. John Cowherd is confined to her home, 743 Center street.

Mrs. James Martin is quite all at her home in Toledo street.

Miss Laura Rhea is able to be out after two weeks' illness.

Mrs. Hazel Mack spent last week in Muncie with her parents.

Miss Nina Mitchell is filling an engagement at the Johns Theater.

Mr. Fred Jackson, of Dayton, O., will make this city his future home.

Madam McNairdee returned Monday from a business trip to Chicago.

Miss Elinor Glass returned to her home in St. Paul, Minn., this week.

Mrs. William Lewis has returned from a ten days' visit in Detroit. Mich.

Miss Bessie McBrady, of New Albany, spent Monday in the city shopping.

Mrs. Dorothy Dean, of Dayton, Ohio, was in the city this week on business.

The Sisters of Charity will serve dinner at Fielding's barber shop Sunday.

The Rose Bud Needle Club met with Mrs. Clara Wallace Friday afternoon.

Mr. W. B. Walker, of Wheeling, W. Va., was a Freeman caller last week.

Miss Ethel Moore, of Shelbyville, Ind., was a guest in the city last week.

Mr. William C. Fields, a steam engineer, of Cleveland, O., is in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Fleming entertained Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette Jefferson at dinner Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jefferson entertained at dinner Sunday eight guests were present.

Mr. Alfred Johnson, who was seriously injured several weeks ago, is able to be out again.

Mr. Daniel Payne, of Detroit, Mich., attended the funeral of his uncle, Geo. Lee, this week.

Mr. Richard Miller of this city was the guest of Miss Goldie Watkins in Greenfield Sunday.

Miss Nancy Clay, of Winnipeg, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Joseph McClain last week.

Mr. Ray Anderson, of Washington C. H., O., was in the city a few days last week on business.

Messrs. Scott and Hood, of Columbus, O., were the guests of Dr. Raymond King last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson left Tuesday morning for Chicago, Ill., for permanent residence.

Mrs. Harry Morgan, of Jacksonville, Fla., is the guest of relatives and friends for two weeks.

Miss Blanche Baker, who is visiting here from Nashville, Tenn., is somewhat indisposed this week.

Samaritan Court No. 37 gave a surprise reception in honor of their worthy matron, Mrs. E. B. Covington, at the new Castle Hall, Monday evening. Delicious refresments were served to a large number of guests, and a happy time was spent.

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AGENTS WANTED.

The Woman's Improvement Club will meet with Mrs. Frances Martin Thursday afternoon, April 20th.

Messrs. Richard Chavis and Amos Richardson are visiting relatives and friends in Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. G. N. Magee, of Dayton, Ohio, is at the bedside of her uncle H. W. Stewart, in N. West street.

Mr. J. H. Lewis, of Shelbyville, Ind., who has been confined to his room for three weeks, is able to be out.

The Young Ladies Club will meet with Miss Bertha Scott in Martindale avenue next Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Hulda Greene was called to Greencastle on account of the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. John Black.

The Kenedia Whist Club met last week with Mrs. Belle Hightower, and met with Mrs. Savannah Hyde this week.

Mrs. A. L. Means was called to Louisville, Wednesday, on account of the serious illness of her friend, Mrs. Sallie Grimes.

The Blue Grass Pleasure Club was entertained by Mrs. Lizzie Kirk Tuesday evening. An elaborate lunch was served.

Mrs. Clarissa McKee, of Philadelphia, Pa., is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Callie Gautis, in Columbia avenue, for two weeks.

Messrs. Henry Cohn and Jasper Rogers, of Frankfort, Ky., passed through the city enroute to Glencoe, Ill., for permanent residence.

Miss Marie Walker, of Cleveland, O., is in the city to complete the course of hair culture with Madam C. J. Walker, in North West street.

Mrs. A. J. Gotham, of Sioux City, Iowa, has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Lincoln J. Day, of 1440 Moore street, the larger part of the winter.

Rev. Charles Johnson, formerly pastor of Ebenezer Baptist church, left Tuesday morning for Boston, Mass., where he has accepted a call as pastor.

Miss Lillian Croffer and Miss Rebecca Guest, of Louisville, Ky., will spend Easter in the city, the guests of Madam C. J. Walker, in North West street.

Mrs. Agnes Hampton, 718 Fayette street, departed for Milwaukee, Wis., Monday, on account of the serious illness of her little niece, Edna Caldwell.

Special Easter services will be held at Flanner Guild Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. All mothers are urged to send their children to these services.

The Social Club of Jones Tabernacle gave a cantata entitled "Queen Esther" at the New Pythian Hall. A large crowd was present, and enjoyed the program.

The Woman's Club will meet with Mrs. Turner Monday, and will give an entertainment in which Miss Pattie Brown will appear, in the near future.

Rev. W. H. Riley, of the M. E. hcurch now stationed at Lexington, Ky., was in the city last Monday. He was formerly pastor of Simpson Chapel of this city.

Miss Letha Coles, in Yandes street, entertained a large number of young folks Tuesday evening. Music and dancing were the features of their enjoyment.

Messrs. Paul Irvin and Hurley Howard, both of Hopkinsville, Ky., are the guests of the former's brother, Mr. Martin Irvin, 1931 Brighton Boulevard indefinitely.

The B. T. H. S. Whist Club will close their series Thursday evening, April 27th, with a dance and reception at the parlors of the Sumner League in West Michigan street.

The entertainment given at Flanner Guild by the Sisters of Charity was a great success. Mrs. Ella Peters was awarded a quilt for selling the largest number of tickets.

Master John Henry Logan celebrated his fifth birthday anniversary Tuesday afternoon. Ten of his little friends were present and spent a nice time from four to six o'clock.

Miss Pattie Brown, who will appear in the entertainment given by the Woman's Club at an early date, will be the guest of Mrs. Belle Davis, 919 N. West street during her stay here.

Miss Ora Merida, of Greenfield, and Roy A. Locklear of this city were quietly married at the home of the bride, Thursday, April 6th. Mr. and Mrs. Locklear will reside in Greenfield.

Little Miss Margaret Stacken died at the residence of her aunt, Mrs. Miller, 862 W. Pratt street, Monday, and was taken to Anderson, Ind., for burial. Undertaker O. H. Morgan was in charge of obsequies.

Miss Lizzie Phillips gave a miscellaneous shower in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette Jefferson at the residence of Mrs. Belle Davis, 919 North West street Thursday evening. Many useful articles were received.

Mr. Wm. E. Scott is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Scott in North Senate avenue, for a few days. Mr. Scott will sail April 29th for Paris, France, where he will continue his study in art under O. H. Tanner.

Mr. William Hall, a well-known resident of this city, died at the age of 86 years, at his home, 529 Bright street, where he had resided since 1863. He leaves a wife and six children, and a host of friends who will miss him.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Simmons made a flying trip to Chicago last week to attend the wedding of the former's neice, Miss Josephine Bradley, who was married to Mr. John A. Cox. The couple are well known in church circles.

Mr. Richard Shavers, formerly known among friends as King Dick," is visiting relatives and friends in Columbus, O. The purpose of his visit is purely recreative and as King Richard is somewhat of an angler, the finny tribe will doubtless be much disturbed.

The chorister of Bethel Church wishes added to the names in the report of the rally, Miss Celeste McElrath, who represented the State of Florida, as having reported six dollars, and Mrs. Rhoda Williams, representing New Jersey, reported ten dollars, which were omitted by mistake in last week's issue.

On the night of April 20 there will be a novelty concert given at Flanner Guild. The program will consist of a discussion of the subject, "Why the Young Married Life of Today Is a Failure," entirely by the ladies. The lady giving the best talk in six minutes will be given a prize. All ladies should be present and hear it.

Miss Bessie Etter and Mrs. J. H. Tucker entertained a number of guests at the home of the latter, Wednesday evening, in honor of Mrs. Clarissa McKee, of Philadelphia, Pa. Miss Ethel Jackson gave several piano selections. A five-course luncheon was served under colors of blue and white. The pastime was spent in music and cards.

JUMPED HIS BOND.

Fred Gaither, colored, was taken from this city last Friday to Cincinnati to answer the charge of malicious cutting. He jumped his bond for which Wm. Johnson, the well known newspaper man of Cincinnati, stood sponsor. Officer Hall, one of Cincinnati's best known colored detectives, was in charge of the case.

SIMPSON M. E. CHAPEL NOTES.

The Sunday school will hold special services tomorrow. The choir and Epworth League will also give a special program at night. Prof. W. E. Baugh will deliver the address. Mrs. Lillian Brown will direct a chorus of pupils, and Misses Ethel Bond and Hazel Alexander will sing. Last Sunday, the pastor, Rev. H. W. Tate, was very warmly received by large congregation at both services.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Sunday, April 16th the third of the series of the Confidential Talks to men will be given by Dr. W. E. Brown at the Association building at 4 p. m. On the Sunday previous a large crowd of men enjoyed the talks by Dr. A. H. Wilson and Dr. J. E. Moorland, the international secretary.

The Sunday Morning Bible class is progressing finely. Each Sunday morning at 8 a. m. finds a fine group of manly men studying the bible for one hour. Sunday, April 16th, Attorney R. B. Ranson will be the leader. Moses will be the third of the "Men of Steel" to be discussed. We start promptly at 8. Drop in and spend a pleasant hour with us. Open to all men.

Sunday, April 30th, at the new K. of P. hall the Y. M. C. A. will hold a public meeting. This will be the biggest meeting that the Association has ever held and no pains will be spared to make this meeting a success. Watch for the particulars of the meeting through these columns. Don't forget the date and place.

EASTER PROGRAM.

(St. Philips P. E. Church)

1. Processional. Hymn, "Jesus Christ is Risen Today."
2. General confession.
3. Evening prayer and Psalter.
4. First lesson.
5. Magnifacat "Sumper."
6. Second lesson.
7. Apostles creed.
8. Nunc Dimittas.
9. Hymn, "At the Lambs High Feast We Sing."
10. Anthem by choir, "Christ Our Passover."
11. Solo, "Hail Glorious Morn"—Gibel, by Mrs. Lanier.
12. "Hallelua the Strife is Over."
13. Offertory; male quartet: Mrs. George and Wm. Scott, James Young and Love.
14. Solo, Mr. Frank Johnson.
15. Solo, Miss Mamie Burris.
16. Recessional.

EASTER AT ST. PHILIP'S CHAPEL.

Easter services will be observed at Phillip's Chapel, C. M. E. Church, corner Drake and West streets. The sermon will be delivered by the pastor at 11:00 a. m.

A special service will be held at 3:00 p. m. At 7:30 p. .m the following program will be rendered by the choir:

Hymn, "Coronation"	Choir
Invocation	Pastor
Hymn, "Joy to the World"	Congregation
Opening Address, "Peculiar Customs of Easter"	Chas. H. Cook
Duet, "Who Can Tell"	Mrs. Peterson Mrs. Orton
Recitation	Emma Ringo
Solo	Helen Whitney
Chorus, "Hail the Day" (Adams)	Choir
Paper, "Easter"	C. S. Wilson
Response	Choir
Solo, "Christ Is Risen	Mrs. L. Thompson
Reading	William Lewis
Chorus, "Easter Praise" (Lorenz)	Choir
Solo, "Triumphant Morn"	Mrs. Chas. H. Cook

THE OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH.

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Our elaborte program for Easter Sunday. It is hoped for and expected that the seating capacity of our church be taxed on tomorrow. One good feature for the day to benefit the visitors from across town, will be to begin and close our services on time. All to the cause of Christ.

Program—At 9:00 a. m. Sunday school begins and close at 10:00. At 10:00 o'clock exercises by pupils of Sunday school, that should not be missed, followed by a special collection for the benefit of foreign missions. 25 cents is asked of each member. 11:00 o'clock praise service; 11:15 Easter sermon to be delivered by our beloved pastor, assisted by the choir with special music. From 2:00 till 3:30 p. m. covenant meeting. At 3:30 p. m. communion will be observed. At 7:00 o'clock B. Y. P. U. will render a very interesting Easter program. Miss Louise Bentley will read a paper on the Resurrection of Christ, aided by a short musical program. Song services by the choir at night together with praise services. A blessing is due all who will attend. You will indeed be made welcome. So come.

DECATUR, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. A. D. Cecil, who was badly burned on the 17th of February, by the explosion of an oil can, died at St. Marys Hospital last Saturday. It was thought by the doctor and attendants at the hospital that she would be able to be removed to her home Wednesday, the 11th. She seemed in perfect health, aside from her burns and in the best of spirits, but on Saturday the 8th, about 5 o'clock, she took a sudden change and at 5:45 she passed into the beyond. She was a prominent member of St. Peters A. M. E. church and was always active in church work for the past twenty-five years. She is survived by her husband, Mr. A. D. Cecil and three children, Douglas, Frances and James. Mrs. Cecil would have been forty-three years old July 4....Mr. Karle Monte entertained nineteen friends at a Dutch lunch and smoker last Friday night at the home of Mrs. Olive B. Clanton, in honor of the popular five Musical Byrons, who played at the Bijou last week....Mrs. L. Vendall is in the city from New York, visiting her father, Mr. Jefferson Jackson....About seventy-five people accompanied the "Penalty of Pride" to Springfield last Monday. They played before a crowded house in Springfield....Miss Lulu McReynolds, of this city, visited friends in Lincoln, Ill., last week.....The Freeman can be had each Saturday by calling Old Phone 3432. Wm. Nickens, agent.

EXHIBITION STATE UNIVERSITY, LOUISVILLE, KY.

The domestic science department of the State University held an exhibition Friday, April 7.

President Amiger presented the principals of the departments amid the hearty applause of the audience. Miss M. Belle Anderson presided and in her own individual and pleasing way welcomed the friends and presented the speakers. The following subjects were discussed to the delight of all who heard them: "The First Principles of Millinery," "Bow Making," "Care of Millinery," "The Milliner in Business," "The Negro Woman in Business," "Home Economics," "Care of Dining Room and Kitchen," "Chemical Elements of Food," "Bread Making," "Cake Making," "Fats," "Marketing," "The Up-to-Date Waitress," "Chemistry of Cleaning," etc. The program was interspersed with music. Many prominent visitors were present.

LOUISVILLE, KY.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The initiation of the University Club into the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, to be known as Lambda Chapter, was celebrated with a delightful banquet Friday evening, April 7th, 9 p. m., at the Colored Library building, corner Tenth and Chestnut. Mr. Richard Hill Jr., a senior law student at University of Michigan, and a member of the Epsilon chapter there, was the delegate who set up the chapter. This chapter is the first and only graduate chapter among colored men in existence. An elaborate menu was served by Mrs. W. P. Welch, and splendid after-dinner talks were made. John T. Clark, president of the University Club, acted as toastmaster, and Dr. Wilson Ballard respended to the toast, "The man worth while;" W. S. Peyton, "Advantages;" D. L. Lawson, "As it seems to us;" E. K. Jones, "Rolling Stones;" J. H. Hubert, "Purposes," and R. Hill Jr., "Fraternalism." The presentation of abeautiful silver loving cup to E. K. Jones proved the culminating feature of a most delightful evening. At the close of the banquet E. K. Jones, who was a teacher in the Central High School, left for New York, to take charge of the work "for advancing the interests of urban Negroes." Lambda Chapter numbers eleven members as follows: J. Henry Hubert, Atlanta Baptist College; J. Fenton Johnson, Chicago University; Wilson Ballard, Ohio Medical University; Daniel L. Lawson, Fisk and Howard Universities; William S. Peyton, Lake Forest College; Eugene K. Jones, Cornell University; Woodson P. Welch, Ohio State University; Arthur S. Powell, State University, and John T. Clark, Ohio State University.

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Mrs. W. F. Gurley, pastor of the First Holiness church, was the happy recipient of a delightful surprise party on last Friday evening, March 24th, in honor of her birthday. The party was chaperoned by Mrs. Morris Harris, and was composed of the following persons: Mesdames Eliza Farmer, Lucy Garret, Ada Hallen, Alberta E. Gurley, Clara Parrish, Morris Harris, Amanda Lawson, Mrs. E. S. Barr, Messrs. W. F. Gurley, Manlis Lewis, Henry Stanton, John Davis, Morris Carr, George Guinn, Mr. Ed Barr. After congratulations and presentations of many handsome and useful presents the address of Mrs. W. F. Gurley will not soon be forgotten. Ices and refreshments were served. All had an enjoyable time.

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The wife of Mr. Miles Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hale, 818 North Clay street, was buride from the vault April 6th in the Eastern cemetery. The bereaved family feels grateful to undertakers and friends.

BOWLING GREEN, KY.

Interesting Meeting of the People's Forum.

The People's Forum met at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, on College street, and was called to order by President Charles T. Cook. Rev. A. W. Settle read the Scripture lesson. Dr. O. D. Porter was introduced as the speaker of the evening, and took as his subject, "The Negro and His Opportunities," which he handled in a masterly way. He referred to our State, county and city in regard to the wealth of Negro citizens, and showed that in 1900 the taxable property of the colored population amounted to $142,655, and in 1910 the taxable property was listed at $172,920, showing a gain of $24,523, which is encouraging to our people.

The following persons were appointed as a committee to bring in plans for a drug store: Dr. O. D. Porter, chairman; C. E. Loving, Rev. Robert Mitchell, H. Bother, Prof. F. S. Coleman, Rev. A. Williams.

Mrs. W. S. Yarboghar closed the meeting with an instrumental solo.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Parker, of 210 Second street, left for Detroit, Mich., where they will make their future home.....Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blakey, of Second street, are the parent of a fine eight-pound baby boy, born Wednesday evening, April 4....Mr. Ed. Haskins, a leading stonemason, received a dangerous wound on the left eye while at work Tuesday, but is doing nicely at present....The Children's Rally at Taylor Chapel, A. M. E. Church was a great success. The evangelist, Mrs. G. W. Cragg, preached for the occasion. The children raised $31.00 during the day.

VALDOSTA, GA.

Miss Beulah Brown went to Atlanta last Friday night in the interest of the Epworth League. She reports an encouraging visit. If we had about five more young ladies as useful as Miss Brown, Valdosta would have something to yell about....Willie Frank Williams visited friends at Morven last Sunday. He reports a splendid visit, though on account of a misunedrstanding of the engagement card, his friends met the train Saturday instead of Sunday. They live only one-half mile from the railroad, but by not being met by them he walked nine miles hunting their home. He got to Morven at 11 a. m. and found their home at 4 p. m....The Imperial pharmacy have installed their new soda fountain. It is one of an extra fine variety....Get the Freeman from Willie Frank Wiliams, corner Magnolia and York, "The Daylight Corner."

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